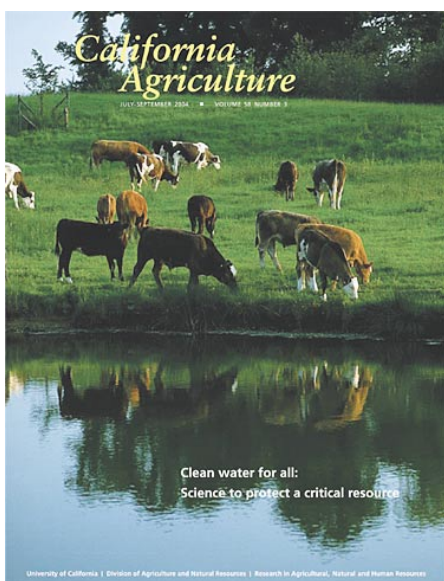


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Cal Ag peer review goes electronic

California Agriculture, ANR's journal of refereed research, has begun handling anonymous peer reviews electronically, subject to author approval.

"With electronic transferal, we expect to move manuscripts through peer review more quickly, and with continued confidentiality," said Janet White, executive editor.

California Agriculture now requests that authors submit their manuscripts as e-mail attachments, in Microsoft Word if possible, to calagdesk@ucop.edu and janet.byron@ucop.edu.

To implement the journal's

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State budget passes

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law July 31 a \$105.4-billion state budget, which includes a 6 percent reduction to the overall UC budget for 2004-05. UC's state-funded operating budget will fall from \$2.9 billion last year to \$2.72 billion. This reduction will be made up through program cuts and student fee increases. In addition, no state funding is provided for employee cost-of-living increases, though UC's compact with the governor offers funding for faculty and staff salary increases beginning in 2005-06.

The budget reduces state-funded research by \$11.6 million, or 5 percent, on top of the 20 percent cut research has taken over the previous two years.

Implications for the Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension budgets have not been finalized. Details on how the Division will be affected will be published in the next ANR Report.

To read the UC press release about specific budget cuts, go to <http://www.ucop.edu/news/archives/2004/aug2.htm>

For more information about UC's compact with the governor — which outlines the governor's intentions for funding UC over a several-year period beginning in 2005-06 and also lays out performance and accountability expectations for UC — see <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/compact/>.

Communication Services Web site revamped

Communication Services has moved its Web site over to the ANR Site Builder system. Check out their new Web site at the same old address: <http://anrcs.ucdavis.edu>.

"The ANR Site Builder tools will make our Web site easier for us to maintain," says Bob Sams, director of Communication Services, "and as part of the move we've revamped the site to make it easier to navigate and better looking, too."

The new Web site features familiar links to the ANR Catalog, the Media Library, Downloads, and the CS@Work newsletter, plus the four main service areas: Publication Production; Email, Network & Web Services; Media Services; and Marketing & Distribution. There's also a new "Tips & Training" section that brings all of their how-to information together in one place. The expanded contact information now includes driving directions to Communication Services offices.

Applicants sought

The North Coast and Mountain Region is conducting an internal recruitment for a County Director/Horticulture Advisor, Mariposa County #ANCM-04-02. Recruitment closes **Sept 1**.

The NCM Region is also seeking applicants for a fisheries advisor academic position. The fisheries extension advisor would serve Humboldt and Del Norte counties, and be housed at the UC Sea Grant Extension Office in Eureka. The closing date for position #ANCM-04-01 is **Oct. 15** or opened until filled.

To request an application packet or to return completed application materials, contact Sydney Gillette, (530) 754-8509; skgillette@ucdavis.edu.

For more information about the positions, go to the ANR Web site, under North Coast and Mountain Region at <http://ucanr.org/jobs.shtml>. The application for Academic Employment can be located on this Web site as well.

New Cal Ag guidelines

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review procedures, which now include a double-blind process, the editors will eliminate information identifying the authors and create a PDF version of the manuscript. The PDF will be sent to peer reviewers. *California Agriculture* now ensures that neither authors nor peer reviewers are identified to each other.

Associate editors oversee reviews for manuscripts in their disciplinary area, appointing anonymous referees and contributing open comments. The associate editor in each case will receive the manuscript with identifying information.

For more specifics, go to *California Agriculture's* writing guidelines at <http://calag.ucop.edu/about.html#guide>. The guidelines also list the associate editors.

Authors should specify in their submission letter if they do *not* consent to electronic review. Those who do not agree to the electronic transfer of their manuscript may submit three hard copies by mail to: Editor, *California Agriculture*, 1111 Franklin St., 6th Floor, Oakland, CA 94607-5200.

All manuscripts submitted for publication must undergo peer review. In the last three years, the rejection rate has run from 20 percent to 25 percent.

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Requests for proposals

South Coast REC requests research proposals

South Coast Research and Extension Center in Irvine is soliciting proposals for new and continuing research and demonstration projects for the period Jan. 1, 2005, through Dec. 31, 2005. Proposals are due by **Oct. 8, 2004**.

Located on 200 acres, SCREC has land suitable for growing row, orchard and field crops, and turfgrass, landscape and nursery plants. Usable orchards available for new research include 'Hass' avocado trees, 'Valencia' orange trees on single rootstock and on many rootstock varieties. There is also ample greenhouse bench space.

The center also provides labor, equipment, facilities and technical and management support to UC academics and to personnel from cooperating non-UC organizations, such as USDA. Up to 5,000 hours of labor will be awarded to support approved projects.

Contact office manager Julie Chavez (949) 653-1824 for more information. For proposal forms, please visit <http://danrec.ucdavis.edu/rec/form/index.html> or call Chavez.

Submit proposals as e-mail attachments to jgchavez@ucdavis.edu.

Questions about the research proposal process or about research opportunities at South Coast Research and Extension Center should be directed to superintendent Daniel Hagillih at (949) 653-1812, or contact Chavez at (949) 653-1824.

Kearney REC issues call for project proposals

Kearney Research and Extension Center is soliciting proposals for new and continuing research and demonstration projects for the period Nov. 1, 2004, through Oct. 31, 2005.

Proposal forms can be obtained at <http://danrec.ucdavis.edu/rec/form/index.html> and are due by **Nov. 12, 2004**. Submit forms electronically to Janie Duran at jduran@uckac.edu.

Kearney has new state-of-the-art greenhouse facilities. Other specialized research support includes a postharvest research facility, sample handling facility (with cold storage and dryers) and assorted laboratories. To learn more about these facilities, contact Laura Van der Staay at (559) 646-6030 or lvdstaay@uckac.edu.

Located on 330 acres in the San Joaquin Valley, Kearney is suitable for many row/other, tree, and vine crops. If you have questions about field research support, please contact Chuck Boldwyn at (559) 646-6020 or cboldwyn@uckac.edu.

Other questions can be directed to superintendent Fred Swanson at (559) 646-6060 or fswanson@uckac.edu.

RREA calls for education proposals

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) statewide program is requesting proposals for education programs for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. Areas of priority are identified in the call. The call and application forms are available at <http://groups.ucanr.org/rrea/>.

Proposals must be submitted online. The deadline for proposals is **Sept. 13, 2004**.

The funding period is Oct. 1, 2004, to Sept. 30, 2005, and the general funding ranges are from \$6,000 to \$12,000. Proposals will be reviewed for merit by a nine-member Technical Advisory Committee. Decisions on funding will be made by the end of September 2004. Recipients will be notified by letter of award and/or rejection by early October 2004 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Questions can be directed to North Coast and Mountain Region director Kimberly A. Rodrigues or executive assistant Sydney Gillette at (530) 754-8509.

Hort advisor Filmer takes job as writer

Ann King Filmer (nee Ann King), environmental horticulture advisor in San Mateo & San Francisco counties, has accepted a new position as Senior Writer in the CA&ES Dean's Office at UC Davis, starting in August. Filmer can be reached at afilmer@ucdavis.edu or (530) 754-6788.



Ann King Filmer

Brown awarded Freedom-to-Discover grant

Kenneth Brown, nutrition professor and director of the Program in International Nutrition at UC Davis, has been awarded a Freedom-to-Discover grant to conduct research that will advance the application of innovative genetic technologies to help solve dilemmas facing international nutrition. Ten grants were provided for unrestricted biomedical research to 10 leading research institutions throughout the world by the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company and foundation.



Kenneth Brown

Falk elected APS fellow

Bryce Falk, UC Davis plant pathologist, was elected a fellow of the American Phytopathological Society (APS). This designation is bestowed upon society members for distinguished contributions to plant pathology or to APS.



Bryce Falk

Subbarao receives APS award

Krishna Subbarao, plant pathology specialist, headquartered in Salinas, received the Syngenta Award from the American Phytopathological Society (APS) at the society's annual meeting on Aug. 1 in Anaheim, Calif. This award is given to an APS member for an outstanding recent contribution to teaching, research or extension in plant pathology.



Krishna Subbarao

Braverman named director of 4-H CYD

Marc Braverman, 4-H youth development specialist, has assumed the directorship of the 4-H Center for Youth Development, based at UC Davis. The move was approved, effective July, by Interim AVP Lanny Lund and Human Resources Program Leader Karen Varcoe. Braverman succeeds Stephen Russell, who left UC Davis to take a faculty position at the University of Arizona.

Braverman was the founding director of the Center, serving from 1994 to 1998. Since that time the directorship has rotated every three years among the 4-H youth development specialists at Davis.



Marc T. Braverman



UCCE county director/ advisor Delmas retires

Following a 34-year career with University of California working on foothill and mountain rangelands and most recently as director of UC Cooperative Extension for Inyo and Mono counties, Rick Delmas retired in July.

Delmas earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife conservation at California State University, San Jose, in 1967 and a master's degree in range management and animal nutrition at University of Nevada, Reno, in 1970. That same year, he was named staff research associate at UC's Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center in Browns Valley.

In 1984, Delmas became a livestock, natural resources and range management advisor with UC Cooperative Extension in Modoc County. Delmas worked with public agencies and with ranchers on coordinating the management of public rangelands. During the 16 years he served as a Modoc County advisor, Delmas was a member of the Modoc-Washoe Experimental Stewardship Committee, which developed grazing management plans for 2.5 million acres of Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service lands.

Four years ago, Delmas assumed the position of county director and farm advisor at the Inyo/Mono UCCE office in Bishop. In this capacity, he turned his natural resource management expertise toward the eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains. An outdoor enthusiast, Delmas also has savored the opportunity to enjoy the eastern Sierra's beautiful scenery, hiking trails and geological features.

Throughout his career with University of California, Delmas focused his research and education programs on the sensitive riparian areas of public rangelands.

"Many ranchers have been receptive to our ideas," Delmas said. "They have begun implementing grazing management practices that preserve rangeland surface water quality, sensitive plants and wildlife."

Delmas plans to return to UC Cooperative Extension after retirement as a half-time director and advisor for Inyo and Mono counties.

— Jeannette Warnert