



Report

Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources
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Governor proposes 5% cut for research, no cuts for CE

The Governor's budget for 2004-05 released on Jan. 9, contains \$372 million in spending reductions for the University, including an additional \$11.6 million undesignated cut (5%) for state-funded research. There is some good news for the Division, though, in an otherwise gloomy budget. Cooperative Extension is fully funded by the Governor at the 2003-04 level.

Word is that the strong message sent to Sacramento last spring by thousands of stakeholders about UCCE's importance to California communities, a healthy economy and the youth of the state was instrumental in this positive outcome. I want to express my deep gratitude and thanks to everyone who took the time to advocate on our behalf. Your efforts have paid off so far, but need to be continued to make this budget a reality!

The Division is still facing some very serious budget decisions, however, as a result of the deep cuts to the University since 2001-02. Last year the California Legislature cut UC by \$400 million and this has impacted every University program. For the Division, this meant a reduction in state funding of 25% for Cooperative Extension and a second straight 10% cut for agricultural research. In facing these unprecedented cuts, our priority has been to maintain programs that directly serve local communities and local needs. That is why we made the decision to hold cuts to county-based UCCE to 15% while distributing larger percentage cuts across other programs, especially systemwide administration. Since July we have eliminated 22 jobs in Oakland-based administration by attrition and layoffs and closed the Forest Products Lab and the Center for Cooperatives.

Before making additional long-term structural changes, we will be holding listening sessions to get input from you and external stakeholders to set priorities for making the best use of our limited budget.

For the University as a whole, the governor proposes a budget reduction of more than \$370 million for 2004-05, including elimination of funding for Outreach, the Digital California Project and the Institute for Labor and Employment. Please see President Dynes' newsletter "[Our University](#)" and the [UCOP news release](#) for details.

The governor's budget proposal marks the beginning of the state's 2004-05 budget process. The Legislature must agree on a budget and the final state budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1 won't be decided for months. In May, after taxes have been filed and the Department of Finance has a better estimate of revenues, the budget picture may change. We will keep you apprised of budget news affecting the Division as it develops.

Sincerely,
W.R. Gomes

Redding listening session changed to Feb. 10

Two sessions will be held at each location: ANR personnel will meet at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and separate sessions for external clientele will be held at 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 29 Main hall or right wing of Veteran's Hall
[in San Luis Obispo](#)

Feb. 5 Conference Room D
in UC Extension Center
[in Riverside](#)

Feb. 10 The C.R. Gibbs Room
in the Best Western Motel
[in Redding](#)

Feb. 19 Multipurpose room of
Kearney Research and
Extension Center [in Parlier](#)

Feb. 26 Alpha Gamma Rho room
in Buehler Alumni Center
[at UC Davis](#)

Everyone is encouraged to attend a session. ANR administrators, including the vice president, interim associate vice president, campus deans and Cooperative Extension regional directors, will be attending to hear suggestions.

Registration is on a first-come basis. Online registration is available at <http://groups.ucanr.org/directions>. For more information, contact Lynne Buenz at (510) 987-0027.

Details about the listening sessions are available on the ANR Web site under "ANR future directions" or at <http://groups.ucanr.org/directions/>.

UC budget news links

Our University: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/newsletter/issue11.html>

UCOP news release: <http://www.ucop.edu/news/archives/2004/jan09a.htm>