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Comments sought on Administrative Handbook sections

Two drafts of sections of the ANR Administrative Handbook have been placed on the Web for review by ANR staff.

- The current Section 345 on Consulting is being expanded in the new revision, Consulting and Other Outside Professional Activities, to reflect recent revisions in APM – 025. It is posted on the Web at <http://oakland.ucanr.org/admin-handbook/300/RevisedDraft345letter.pdf>. Comments are due to Liz Gomez at Elizabeth.gomez@ucop.edu by March 4, 2005.
- A proposed new section, Cost Recovery Guidelines & Procedures, which grew out of some of the recommendations of the 2003 report to the Vice President, Potential Cost-Recovery Programs to Augment Funding for CE, has been developed to provide tools and methods to implement cost-recovery mechanisms within ANR. It is posted on the Web at <http://oakland.ucanr.org/admin-handbook/crc/draftCRCletter.pdf>. Comments are due to Carol Omelich at carol.omelich@ucop.edu by Feb. 28, 2005.

Federal budget proposal shifts research funding

On Feb. 7, President Bush released his budget proposal for fiscal year 2006, calling for \$2.57 trillion in federal spending. A quick review of the USDA section shows a proposed decrease of more than 12 percent for Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), compared with the FY2005 Appropriations Act amount. Significant changes in the distribution of formula funds to land grants and resources allocated for competitive grants are included in the President's Budget.

Under the proposal, formula funds for Hatch Act and McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry programs are reduced about 50 percent, before being completely phased out in FY2007. Animal Health and Disease funds are eliminated in FY2006. Savings from these reductions, and the transfer of dollars from programs authorized by Section 406 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998, are used to increase the National Research Initiative (NRI) \$70 million (to \$250 million) and fund a new State Agricultural

Experiment Stations Competitive Grants Program at \$75 million.

Smith-Lever funding remains relatively flat, with modest gains for a handful of programs, including a \$5 million increase for EFNEP (to \$62 million). While the President's funding proposal is not the final word – the House and Senate will hold hearings on the FY2006 Budget in the coming months – it clearly articulates the Administration's announced commitment to competitive programs and streamlining of program delivery. For details on the USDA Budget, and funding for CSREES and other Research, Education and Economics programs, go to <http://www.usda.gov/agency/obpa/Budget-Summary/2006/12.REE.htm>.

Vice President Gomes and Executive Council will discuss budget strategy for FY2006, and the ramifications of the proposed shift in federal dollars from formula to competitive research programs, at their Feb. 22 meeting. We will provide further details on the federal budget proposal as they become available. — *Steve Nation*



Mary Lavender Fujii, UCCE Contra Costa County nutrition advisor, second from left, spoke to childcare givers about anemia prevention at a child nutrition conference Feb. 2 in Pleasant Hill. Adequate iron in the diet is also critical to nerve and brain development in children up to age five.

Search for two Program Leaders under way

Vice President Gomes has announced that recruitment is under way for two ANR program leader positions: agricultural policy and pest management, and human resources. Search committees are being formed and members will be identified when they are complete.

The university anticipates filling these positions on July 1, 2005. For more information about the Program Leader positions, please visit <http://ucanr.org/jobdescript/programleaders.pdf>

ANR Associate Editors needed

Nominations are being accepted now for ANR associate editor positions in three subject areas: land, air, and water sciences; food and nutrition including EFNEP; and animal, avian, aquaculture, and veterinary sciences.

Associate editors are advisors, specialists, and faculty nominated by the Communications Advisory Board and appointed by Associate Vice President Rick Standiford to manage the technical peer-review process for ANR educational materials. Associate editors serve three-year terms.

Associate editors make significant contributions to the quality of ANR educational materials. Although their primary responsibility is to oversee peer review of manuscripts and scripts in their subject area and then decide on programmatic acceptance of the materials, their position encompasses much more. They arrange for periodic review of publications, slide sets and videos; they encourage authors to write new and revise older publications; and they serve as a link between ANR Communication Services and the Division's programs. With their efforts, the associate editors provide a significant impact on extension and outreach programs statewide.

The three associate editors whose terms end on July 1, 2005, are Steve Grattan, land, air, and water sciences; Lucia Kaiser, food and nutrition including EFNEP; and James Oltjen, animal, avian, aquaculture, and veterinary sciences. These existing associate editors are welcome to reapply.

To nominate yourself or a colleague for associate editor in one of the above subject areas, please provide the following information by March 11 to Ed Weber, chair of the Communications Advisory Board: candidate's name, address, phone number, e-mail address, areas of expertise, and workgroup or continuing conference memberships. Weber's e-mail address is eaweber@ucdavis.edu or mail address is UCCE Napa County, 1710 Soscol Avenue, Ste. 4, Napa, CA 94559-1315.

If you have questions about the responsibilities of ANR associate editors, contact Joe Grant, Associate Editor chair, at (209) 468-2085 or e-mail at jgrant@ucdavis.edu.

Culver selected as Ventura fisheries extension advisor

Carolyn (Carrie) Culver is the new Fisheries Extension Advisor for Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

This new position was made possible through a competitive National Sea Grant Fisheries Extension Initiative. The primary objective of the position is to work toward sustainable fisheries and fishing communities, while protecting and enhancing natural resources.

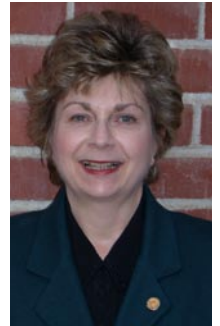
Culver is coming from UC Santa Barbara where she was a research biologist with the Marine Science Institute. Her experience includes many years of working on fisheries issues, including co-editing the Oil-Fisheries Newsletter for six years and several collaborative fisheries research projects. She received her undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees from UC Santa Barbara with emphases in aquatic biology, ecology and marine biology.

"She brings a thorough understanding of the Santa Barbara Channel environment and fisheries to the position," says Larry Yee, Ventura County director. "We are thrilled to have someone of her caliber and experience join our staff. This position adds balance to our major programs by adding strength to the area of natural resources. Until now, this had been a gap in our services to the people along the south coast."

Culver will be headquartered in the Ventura County Cooperative Extension office and can be reached at (805) 645-1469.

Schneider named nutrition social marketing director

Constance Schneider, a registered dietitian, has been appointed the nutrition social marketing director for UCCE, effective Jan. 20. Based in Fresno, she will coordinate nutrition and physical activity programs for low-income families in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced and Tulare counties.



The new position is funded by a \$2.66 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which made UCCE the Central Valley Region's lead agency for the California Nutrition Network.

In her new capacity, Schneider will facilitate a regional collaborative with a variety of public and private-sector agencies to offer educational programs that encourage better nutrition and enhanced participation in physical activities. She will address issues that affect eating habits such as income, convenience, culture, education, food stamps and the ability to access nutritious food; as well as the numerous factors that influence children's and adults' physical activity.

Schneider has a bachelor's degree in dietetics and nutrition from Florida International University in Miami, and earned her doctorate degree in nutrition

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Nematology workshop to be held March 29

The 37th California Nematology Workshop will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 29 at UC Davis.

The morning session will meet in Wellman Hall. Presentations will include treatments to control nematodes in grape and turf in light of the NemaCur registration withdrawal.

The afternoon session will be held in Hutchison Hall and include a tour of the Department of Nematology Laboratory.

Registration is \$25. To register, go to <http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/phpps/ppd/>

[Nematology/NemaCaliWorkshop.htm](http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/phpps/ppd/).

Checks should be made payable to Regents of the University of California. The workshop is sponsored by UC Davis Department of Nematology, UC Riverside Department of Nematology, California Department of Food and Agriculture's Nematology Program, and ANR.

For more information, contact Howard Ferris at (530) 752-8432, hferris@ucdavis.edu or Robert Hackney at (916) 262-1115, rhackney@cdffa.ca.gov.

Retirements



Larry Clement, left and Lanny Lund, right, are retiring.

Clement retires after 27 years with UCCE

Larry Clement, director of UC Cooperative Extension in Solano and Yolo counties, retired Jan. 14.

The Bakersfield native was raised on a 100-acre family farm outside Modesto. He earned a bachelor's degree in soils and plant science in 1966 at California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, and a master's degree in plant nutrition in 1977 at California State University, Fresno. He started with UCCE as a staff research associate at the Kearney Research and Extension Center in Parlier. In 1978, Clement became farm advisor for field and vegetable crops in Solano County, a move he considers the best decision of his career.

"I can't have been more satisfied," Clement said. "I've had the opportunity to work with the greatest farmers in the world and a staff that is equally dedicated."

In 1982 Clement was named director of UCCE in Solano County and in 1990 he took on Yolo County as well. Clement started one of the state's first Master Gardener programs in Solano County and another in Yolo County.

He worked extensively with tomato, sugar beet and corn growers in the areas of weed and disease control. His efforts led to a change in chemical registration of a common product to control tomato root disease as well as changes to irrigation management practices in tomatoes. But perhaps his greatest accomplishments were in the area of bean production.

"Over the years, Solano has become a major player in a dry bean production that includes kidney, Michigan red cranberry, black beans, small white, garbanzo and mung beans," Clement said.

During his career, Clement wrote 78 peer-reviewed papers, 120 articles for the popular press, 146 county publications and 95 reports to commodity boards. In the later part of his career he focused on the economic impacts of agriculture to the local economy.

Clement is working with Lithuanian officials to build a research and extension center modeled after the ANR facilities. In February, he returns to Lithuania as construction begins on a research lab and auditorium. — *Jeannette Warnert*

Lund retires after 34-year ANR career

After serving as a professor and administrator at UC Riverside for 28 years, Lanny Lund capped his distinguished career with the University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources with a five-year stint as assistant vice president for programs and academic personnel and statewide leader of UC Cooperative Extension. He retires in April.

"It has been a privilege to have been part of the greatest public university in the world," Lund said. "I thoroughly enjoyed my time at UC Riverside and more recently in the Office of the President."

As assistant vice president, Lund provided coordinated leadership for the Division's statewide and local programs. He has been the primary programmatic leader for Division research and educational outreach activities and the statewide administrative leader for UC Cooperative Extension county programs.

"Lanny's calm and insightful counsel has been invaluable to me and to ANR these past five years," said Vice President Reg Gomes. "I know of no one who better supported all components of ANR's mis-

sion throughout his career, nor of anyone who contributed more during difficult fiscal times. Not only is Lanny an excellent scientist and teacher, he is a superb administrator. We wish Lanny and Sue best wishes for an enjoyable retirement."

During his time at UC Riverside, Lund, a professor of soil science, served in several academic and administrative positions. He was chair of the Department of Environmental Sciences from 1985 to 1990, associate dean of the Agricultural Experiment Station in the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences from 1990 to 1996, and associate dean of Cooperative Extension in CNAS from 1993 to 1996. He again served as chair of Environmental Sciences from 1997 to 1999.

Lund is an accomplished teacher and researcher. His research has focused on water quality, with an emphasis on nitrogen in Southern California environs, and on soil temperature and moisture regimes in California deserts. In 1998 Lund was named a fellow by both the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America. He has authored more than 80 technical journal articles and reports.

Lund earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in agronomy from the University of Nebraska. He received a Ph.D. in agronomy from Purdue University in 1971.

During retirement, Lund will return to Southern California, living in Hemet, playing golf and spending time with his wife, Sue, traveling and visiting their grandchildren. — *Jeannette Warnert*

In memoriam

Robert A. Brendler

Robert A. Brendler, Ventura County farm advisor emeritus, passed away on Jan. 7 after several months of illness. He was 88.

Born in Modesto, Brendler was raised on the family farm, working with cattle and grapes. He attended UC Davis, graduating in 1939.

Brendler retired in 1991 after a distinguished 45-year career with UCCE that began in Ventura County in 1946. He first served as an "itinerant" farm advisor and in 1948, he was assigned to 4-H, livestock and agronomy. Later he focused his program on vegetable crops and strawberries and soon became a well-known authority in many aspects of the production of row crops.

"Everywhere you look in agriculture around Ventura County, you can see evidence of Bob's research and the extension

of his knowledge and experience," said Larry Yee, Ventura County CE director. In 1994, Brendler received the Agriculturalist of the Year award from the 31st District Agricultural Association of the State of California.

In the July 24, 1995, edition of the *Los Angeles Times*, J.E. Mitchell referred to Brendler as an agricultural icon: "In the quiet, thoughtful way of a man more connected to the earth and the sky than to concrete and the city, Bob Brendler has dispensed advice to Ventura County farmers for nearly five decades. Through times of drought and bumper harvests, area farmers have sought out Brendler's guidance on everything from soil preparation and pest control to crop selection."



Even after his retirement, Brendler continued to log five- to seven-hour days at the office in order to keep his mind sharp and to assist in any way he could. And to keep healthy, every day he would walk the five-mile roundtrip from his home in Ventura to the CE office. At home he was an avid gardener and was always bringing his surpluses to the office to share.

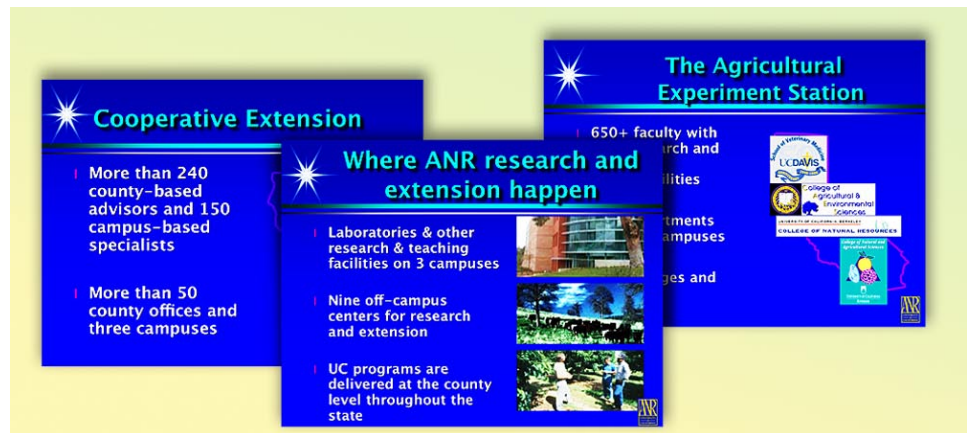
Above all else, Brendler was a life long educator. Although he was gentle in his presentation, Bob had a commitment to helping people to get their "science right." Including the time he assisted the office after retirement, he served CE 59 years.

Brendler is survived by his four children, a brother and sister, and three grandchildren.

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and food management at Oregon State University, Corvallis. She most recently served as an assistant professor of nutrition at California State University, Fresno.

Schneider may be reached in her new office at UC Cooperative Extension, 1720 S. Maple Ave., Fresno, CA 93702, (559) 456-7285, cschneider@ucdavis.edu. — Jean-



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ANR PowerPoint presentation updated

"We Are ANR," the PowerPoint presentation that describes the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, has been updated. The slide show is designed for presentation to boards of supervisors, clientele groups and new ANR employees. "We Are ANR" succinctly describes the roles of the Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension. This slide show interlaces photos and facts about the Division with images and slogans from the ANR cube.

The 29-slide presentation should be customized for its audience. It features numerous photos that depict ANR activities – including photos from Pres. Dynes'

visits to Cooperative Extension sites – but those photos can be replaced with photos of local projects. The presentation also contains slides to list the names, titles and photos of personnel at the local county office. Within the presentation are notes that suggest accompanying commentary. Slides can also be selected and placed into another presentation.

"We Are ANR" is available for viewing and downloading from the ANR Web site: <http://ucanr.org/internal/prresourcesi.shtml>.

For more information about the presentation, contact Pam Kan-Rice at (510) 987-0043 or pamela.kan-rice@ucop.edu.