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Budget update

Dear Colleagues:

The Governor's 2005-06 Budget Proposal released Monday offered no surprises for ANR. I am pleased to tell you that Cooperative Extension and research are fully funded at the 2004-05 levels.

In accordance with the "compact" between the governor and UC, the proposal includes a 3.6 percent increase above the 2004-05 funding level for UC's overall budget. The compact is an agreement that provides the University with new budget stability by establishing funding and performance expectations over a multi-year period.

A pdf copy of the Governor's 2005-06 Budget Proposal can be downloaded from a link at the bottom of this Web site: http://govbud.dof.ca.gov/Budget-Summary/BUDGETSUMMARY-OVERVIEW/section1_1.html

Overall the University is provided with an increase of \$97.5 million in state general funds. The Office of the President has sent out a press release (www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2005/jan10.html) with details on how UC will be affected.

Sincerely,

W. R. Gomes, *Vice President*

Chang named director of Center for Water Resources

Andrew Chang, UC Riverside professor and agricultural engineer, has been appointed director of UC Center for Water Resources.

Chang, who previously served as associate director of the Center for Water Resources, is a nationally and internationally recognized research scientist in water quality management and water reuse, and has worked on some of the state's critical water-quality issues.

"He will bring a great deal of experience in developing and managing research programs to the operation of the center," said Steve Angle, dean of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences.

"As more and more faculty, specialists and advisors are involved in water-related issues in various respects," Chang said, "the Center will make an effort to coordinate their activities through funding research projects, organizing workshops and conferences, and developing forums for policy discussions."

The UCR campus was chosen to host the center for a five-year period after proposals from UC Berkeley, UC Davis and UC Riverside were considered.

UC Center for Water Resources is a multicampus research unit that houses several systemwide water resources related research and outreach programs, namely, the Water Resources Center, Salinity and Drainage Program, Regional Water Quality Program, and Prosser Trust.

The 2005 Salinity and Drainage Conference (scheduled for March 22) will highlight 20 years of UC research to understand the salinity and drainage problem in San Joaquin Valley. The 25th Biennial Groundwater Conference (scheduled for Oct. 25 and 26) will be the 50-year anniversary of the conference.

For more information about the center, go to <http://www.waterresources.ucr.edu/>



Standiford moves into Oakland office

Rick Standiford has moved to his new office as associate vice president. Standiford, who most recently served as associate dean for forestry and capital projects at UC Berkeley's College of Natural Resources, officially became AVP on Jan. 1.

Standiford is located at 1111 Franklin St., Room 6408, Oakland, CA 94607. He can be reached at (510) 987-0026 and Rick.Standiford@ucop.edu

Lanny Lund, who has been serving as interim associate vice president, will resume his duties as assistant vice president - programs and academic personnel.

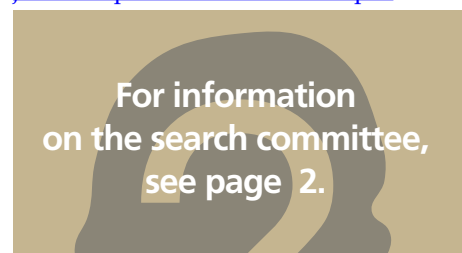
Claudine Kent is providing administrative assistance to both Standiford and Lund for an interim period. She can be reached at (510) 987-0066 or claudine.kent@ucop.edu

Assistant VP search under way

Associate Vice President Rick Standiford has announced that recruitment is under way for the position of Assistant Vice President, Administrative Services.

Review of applications will begin **Feb. 18** and continue until the position is filled. The University anticipates filling this position on or before May 1.

For more information about the position, please visit <http://ucanr.org/jobdescript/ANR320-16C2ED.pdf>





AVP Search Committee

Don Cooksey

Executive Associate Dean
College of Natural
and Agricultural Sciences
will chair the search committee.

Search committee members
confirmed to date include:

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program leader — Agricultural Policy
& Pest Management;

Cherie McDougald

management services officer
for the Central Valley Region;

Jeanette Sutherlin

Fresno County CE director;

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Environmental Sciences;

Joyce Strand

computer systems manager,
Statewide Integrated Pest
Management Program.

Pat Day

director of Program Planning
and Reporting Systems,
is staffing the search.

Retiree annual newsletter released

The ANR Retiree Newsletter is being mailed this week to some 550 ANR retirees. It's an annual publication containing news of the Division as well as personal news of some of our retirees.

Retirees who aren't on the mailing list can subscribe by contacting Cindy Barber at (510) 987-9139 or Cynthia.Barber@ucop.edu



The newsletter is also online at <http://groups.ucanr.org/devsvcs/documents/newsletter594.htm>

Sierra Foothill REC seeks proposals

The Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center is soliciting proposals for new and continuing research for the upcoming program year, May 1 to April 30.

Proposals are due at SFREC by **March 4**. The center expects to award approximately 2,300 hours of labor to assist continuing and new research projects.

The center comprises 5,721 acres of northern Sierra foothill oak woodland-annual grass rangeland. Several watersheds fall within its boundaries, and the Yuba River flows along the southern edge, offering opportunities for water-quality and riparian-habitat studies. There are 160 acres of irrigated pasture, with a herd of 350 beef cows and 100 yearling calves.

Other resources include a weather station, GIS database, and other long-term databases related to hardwoods and annual rangeland pasture use by cattle; beef cattle fertility, disease and production levels; stream hydrology in managed watersheds; climate and range forage yields. Facilities include a laboratory for chemical and biological analyses, meeting rooms, a 13-bed dormitory and six cattle-working areas.

Proposal forms can be downloaded from <http://danrec.ucdavis.edu/rec/form/index.html> or obtained from Chris Feddersen (530) 639-8800. For more information regarding research opportunities, contact Dustin Flavell, Superintendent (530) 639-8812 or dkflavell@ucdavis.edu.

EPA awards Kern County CE \$50,000 for pesticide safety training

The Kern County CE office recently received a \$50,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to train pesticide applicators and farm labor contractors about pesticide safety.

During 2005 and 2006, CE will collaborate with the Kern County Agricultural Commissioner's office to offer 20 workshops for local private pesticide applicators and eight "train-the-trainer" workshops for farm labor contractors, said David Haviland, Kern County entomology advisor.

"Those who attend the farm labor contractor trainings will become certified as trainers who can, in turn, train their employees on pesticide safety," Haviland said.

The applicator workshops will cover safe handling of different types of pesticides, techniques to prevent pesticide drift, how to avoid exposure to pesticides during application, and selecting the appropriate personal protective equipment. Key topics will include prevention of off-gassing during fumigant applications and ways to develop an effective chain of communication with neighbors, farm labor contractors and field workers.

Personnel from the kern county agricultural commissioner's office will provide the workshops for the private applicators. Haviland and Tim Stock, formerly an educator for UC IPM's Pesticide Safety Education Program and now with Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety, will provide the farm labor contractor training in English and Spanish.

Search for Environmental Health & Safety Coordinator under way

A statewide position has been established to enhance environmental health and safety throughout the Division.

The Environmental Health & Safety Coordinator will manage Environmental Health and Safety personnel, and interact with and guide ANR employees in creating a safe and healthy work environment at research and extension centers, within statewide programs and among county-based Cooperative Extension activities.

The coordinator will be responsible for managing ANR efforts in laboratory safety, hazardous materials management, pesticide use and handling, contractor safety accountability, occupational safety and worker training, disaster preparedness, domestic water and sewage systems, and environmental regulatory compliance.

The position, which is based in Davis, reports to the Director, Research & Extension Centers. A search is under way to fill the new position and applications will be accepted until Jan. 31.

Environmental Health & Safety Coordinator

Job Number: 3194-04S

Located in Davis

Closing date: **Jan. 31**

For more information about the position and how to apply, go to <http://ucanr.org/jobdescript/Environcoordinator.pdf>.

Connor rides off into sunset

Superintendent of the Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center, Mike Connor, retires in January after 21 years guiding research and teaching programs at UC's largest agricultural field research facility.

Connor joined UC in 1983 with more than 20 years experience managing a cattle ranch and a university field station in Fallon, Nev. He began pitching in at the family Big Pine cattle operation at age 8. Twice each year, he used to miss four days of school for the springtime cattle drive to Crowley Lake near Mammoth Mountain and the fall cattle drive back to Big Pine.

"They were long and dusty," Connor said of the 60-mile semiannual mountain trek with cattle, horses, dogs and fellow cowboys.

Despite the hardships, those experiences shaped his life and career.

Connor earned a bachelor's degree in 1960 in agricultural economics and a



master's degree in 1962 in animal nutrition at University of Nevada, Reno. He returned to Big Pine and managed the ranch for 18 years.

Administering the 5,700-acre Sierra Foothill REC, he said, was similar to ranching. Most of the research conducted at the site pertains to the management of beef cattle and rangeland.

Connor said he values the years he spent managing the sprawling facility, and will miss the staff and researchers he has worked with.

— Jeannette Warnert

Botsford, Starr named to marine protection panel

Rick Starr, Sea Grant marine advisor for Monterey and Santa Cruz counties, and Louis Botsford, UC Davis professor in Wildlife, Fish & Conservation Biology, have been named to a panel of scientific advisors selected to assist in developing a network of marine protected areas along the California coast. The science advisory team, appointed by California Department of Fish and Game Director Ryan Brodrick, will provide scientific support for the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) Initiative.

The 18-member team is charged with assisting the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force in developing a framework for the design and implementation of a network of marine protected areas. Specifically, members will review and comment on scientific papers, review draft documents, and address scientific issues presented in those documents.

The California Fish and Game Commission will be asked to adopt networks of marine protected areas along the California coast between 2006 and 2011.

ANR brochure updated

ANR at a glance, a brochure that describes the division, has been updated and reprinted.

The 4-color brochure describes how the people and programs of the ANR serve California communities.

Many of our clientele are familiar with one aspect of ANR -- such as their local farm advisor, 4-H, EFNEP, or Master Gardeners -- but few are aware of the broad spectrum of research, extension and outreach programs that are delivered by UC Cooperative Extension and the Agricultural Experiment Station. This brochure is intended to show Californians, through photos and brief text, the variety of ways they benefit from ANR activities.

Brochures are available for distributing at meetings and community events, through mailings and other opportunities to educate clientele, elected officials and the general public about ANR resources.

We serve all Californians
The Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) is a statewide network of researchers and educators dedicated to creating, developing and delivering knowledge and practical information in agricultural, natural and human resources. ANR comprises the Agricultural Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension and statewide programs. Our campus-based and county-based units bring UC to every community in the state.

WE YIELD NEW IDEAS
Over the years, UC scientists have developed new and better varieties of tomatoes, cotton, strawberries, grapes and other high-value crops. Through conventional and cutting-edge breeding methods, UC researchers have created crops that are better suited to California growing conditions and resist pests and diseases. With biotechnology, UC scientists are designing crops with desirable traits to make foods more nutritious, reduce pesticide use and keep the state's growers competitive.

WE HELP THOSE WHO FEED AND CLOTHE
Nearly 90 percent of the strawberries planted in California are varieties that UC has developed for the state's unique growing conditions. UC farm advisors work with growers across the state to solve production puzzles and other challenges facing California's 250-plus commodities.

WE VALUE NATURAL CAL
UC scientists diagnosed the cause of soil erosion and are searching for a cure. UC research is restoring watersheds, better managing wild wetlands and other natural areas.

WE NURTURE TOMORROW'S LEADERS
UC Cooperative Extension's flagship program for young people is the century-old 4-H Youth Development program. 4-H offers experience and instruction in animal management, computers, science, cooking, gardening, leadership and many life-enriching subjects. 4-H also delivers stimulating and educational after-school programs for urban and rural youth.

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Federal government	23%
County government and other state	10%
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ANR at a glance

If you would like copies of the brochure, please order online at http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?survey_number=348&back=none

To view pictures of the brochure, go to <http://ucanr.org/brochure/ANR-BRO1.html>.

Communication Services moves

Communication Services has moved its Davis offices to a centralized location. Below are the unit's addresses and phone numbers.

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