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## Core Issue Grants awarded

ANR has awarded \$886,548 of Core Issue Grants funds for 29 research and extension projects throughout California for fiscal year 2006-07. The program, now in its second year, gave grants in amounts ranging from \$9,000 to \$35,000 per project.

This grants program fosters collaborative efforts of the Agricultural Experiment Station; statewide, campus and county Cooperative Extension; and other ANR cooperators focused on identified high-priority issues affecting the state's agricultural, human and natural resources.

The 2006-07 CIG awards are listed on the ANR Core Issue Grants Web site at [http://ucanr.org/internal/miscshow.cfm?unit=5728&misctype=Main\\_page](http://ucanr.org/internal/miscshow.cfm?unit=5728&misctype=Main_page).

## ANR simplifies UC Delivers process, energizes Web site

Of the vast array of information available on the ANR Web site, the site that receives the most hits is UC Delivers. Now the impact stories at <http://ucanr.org/ucdelivers> are organized in a more attractive design that can be searched by county as well as keyword, topic or year. The dynamic site with a new logo and colorful photos is the creation of Communication Services programmer Karl Krist and designer Valerie Griffith. Individual stories can still be printed out as fact sheets that concisely describe the issue the ANR project addressed, what was done and the payoff of the project to taxpayers.

All academics in Cooperative Extension and the Agricultural Experiment Station are encouraged to submit their latest success stories for the new site. The UC Delivers submission process has been streamlined so stories get posted faster. A major change is that if impact hasn't been documented for a project, potential impact may be acceptable.

Most hits on UC Delivers are referrals from search engines, primarily Google and Yahoo!, which means we are likely to be receiving hits from new visitors. The online collection of ANR success stories was initiated in 2003 as a tool to inform policy-makers and other clientele about the myriad ways the Division's research, extension and outreach benefit Californians. Currently 200 UC Delivers stories are posted.

Seeing the many ways the information can be used – for federal reports, news releases, and meetings with legislators, county supervisors and members of Congress – numerous people have asked that UC Delivers be reinvigorated. Associate Vice President Rick Standiford says it will be an ongoing long-term effort, and he urges all ANR scientists to submit their strongest projects so there will be a better representation of current work being done in the Division.

"These stories have been extremely valuable in conveying the message to federal and state legislators, county officials, UC supporters and the public that our programs do indeed impact California in a positive way and I hope everyone will continue to support this project," said Standiford.

To submit a UC Delivers story, go to the ANR portal [www.my.ucanr.org/login](http://www.my.ucanr.org/login). If you don't have a password, or have forgotten your password, you can create a new password at the portal. Click on the UC Delivers link in the portal to get started.

For more information about UC Delivers, contact Andrea Tung at (510) 987-0067 or [Andrea.Tung@ucop.edu](mailto:Andrea.Tung@ucop.edu).



## Simplify your life by joining the ANR portal

Reduce the number of user names and passwords you have to remember by joining the ANR portal at <https://my.ucanr.org>. This one-stop shopping center gives you access to workgroups, grants, UC Delivers, site builders, collaborative tools, FileVault, PDF conversion, the media library and more password-protected sites, all from a single site requiring only one password. You can edit your ANR directory listing from the portal.

To set up access through the ANR Portal:

Go to: <https://my.ucanr.org> Click on the 'New user? Forget your password?' button. Enter your e-mail address.

An e-mail will be sent to you with a link that will allow you to access the portal. The first time you access the portal this way, you will have the option to change your password. Be sure to make note of your password after you change it. If you do forget your password, you can follow this process again, and the link will be re-sent.

To edit your directory information:

Login to the portal <https://my.ucanr.org> In the upper left corner, a summary of your directory information is displayed.

Click on "edit my information." Your directory information will be displayed. Edit the information you need to change. Scroll to the bottom of the screen and click on "Save Changes." Your directory information will be updated immediately.

For more information about the portal, contact Karl Krist at [kakrist@ucdavis.edu](mailto:kakrist@ucdavis.edu) or (530) 297-4441.

## Gonzalez to retire, RD search begins

Refugio "Cuco" Gonzalez, regional director of the Central Coast & South Region, has announced his intention to retire from UC on June 30. (Details on Cuco and his career will appear in a future issue of ANR Report.)

In light of Gonzalez's upcoming retirement, ANR is now inviting applications from current ANR academic employees to serve as regional director for the Central Coast and South Region. The regional director will provide administrative leadership for research and extension programs delivered through CE county offices in the Central Coast and South Region, which is headquartered on the UC Riverside campus. A PhD or other terminal degree is preferred. Appointment will be at 100% in the Academic Administrator series. Starting salary will be commensurate with qualifications, within the range of \$86,616 - \$121,632.

Nominations and applications may be sent to Lynne Buenz, ANR, 1111 Franklin Street, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Oakland, CA 94607-5200. Applications may also be sent by fax to (510) 587-6415 or e-mail to [lynn.buenz@ucop.edu](mailto:lynn.buenz@ucop.edu). The closing date for full consideration is **May 1**. Please see the complete position vacancy announcement for position AP-06-01 at <http://ucanr.org/jobdescript/RDassist.pdf>.

## Workgroup and coordinating conference proposals requested

The Office of the Associate Vice President has issued the FY 2006-2007 Call for Workgroup and Coordinating Conference Reports and Funding Requests. Proposals must be submitted through ANR's New Enhanced Workgroup Call on the Web (NEWCOW) Web site at <http://ucanr.org/newcow/>. Deadline is **May 1**.

Program Leaders and peer review panels will review all proposals including:

- Reports from all currently funded workgroups, coordinating conferences and formative workgroups
- Operational funds from all current ANR workgroups and coordinating conferences
- Ratification of workgroups currently meeting or funded but not ratified
- Re-ratification of workgroups first ratified in 2001
- Coordinating conferences receiving workgroup funds in FY 2005-2006
- Formation of new workgroups

For more information about ANR Workgroups and Coordinating Conferences or to access the full call, see [http://ucanr.org/internal/miscshow.cfm?unit=5320&misctype=Main\\_page](http://ucanr.org/internal/miscshow.cfm?unit=5320&misctype=Main_page) or contact one of the Program Leaders.

## Lindcove REC calls for research proposals

Lindcove Research & Extension Center (LREC) in Tulare County is soliciting proposals for qualified research projects. These projects are not limited to citrus, and any project will be considered for inclusion in the 2006-2007 research year.

LREC has 8 acres of open ground (parcels of 2, 3, and 3 acres, respectively).

For citrus research projects, there are 2 acres of Lane Navel/11 rootstocks planted in 1992; 2-1/2 acres x 396 trees (8 mandarin/4 rootstocks) planted in 1996; and 3/4 acre Valencia 16 strains/Troyer planted in 1986.

Facilities and equipment include a fruit packing house with electronic grading, fruit washing and waxing; three cold storage rooms holding 50 fruit bins each and de-greening rooms for all tree fruits; and a fresh citrus Fruit Quality Evaluation Laboratory capable of performing color, rind thickness, granulation, puff and crease, juice and fruit volume and sugar/acid ratios.

Project proposal forms are due **April 14** and can be obtained from the LREC Web site at [http://danrec.ucdavis.edu/lindcove/research\\_forms.html](http://danrec.ucdavis.edu/lindcove/research_forms.html)

For further information, contact LREC superintendent Walter Stutsman at (559) 592-2408 or [wastutsman@ucdavis.edu](mailto:wastutsman@ucdavis.edu).

## Names in the news

### Fung team wins \$1.6 million grant for HydroWatch Center



Inez Fung, co-director of the Berkeley Institute of the Environment, and her research team have received \$1.6 million from the W.M. Keck Foundation to establish the Keck

HydroWatch Center at UCB.

Research undertaken at the HydroWatch Center will help scientists better understand the water cycle and predict its changes. Their aim is to dramatically expand the observations of all aspects of the water cycle by developing cost-effective, rapid-response, and accurate sensors and techniques to monitor water quality, quantity, and pathways. The proposed center will also initiate a prototype deployment of intensive environmental monitoring networks, resulting in the acquisition, synthesis and analysis of the new, large volumes of data. The first deployments will take advantage of existing infrastructure and research programs at two sites of the UC Natural Reserve System, the Sagehen Creek Field Station and the Elder Creek Watershed within the Angelo Reserve. The Center will create "a new paradigm for long-term, whole-earth water observation and prediction."

Fung and her team are hopeful that the prototype created for environmental monitoring networks will be adopted as a national and international standard.

—Cyril Manning

### Tom honored by Institute of Food Tech



Pamela Tom, Seafood Extension program manager and director of the Seafood Network Information Center, was recently chosen to receive the Cal Willey Achievement Award from

the Institute of Food Technologists. The award, to be presented in June at the organization's annual national meeting in Orlando, Fla., recognizes individuals for their "continuing, meritorious and imaginative service" to the institute.

### Six honored by Entomological Society

For their research and contributions to the field of entomology, six UCR faculty members were honored with awards at the 2006 meeting of the Entomological Society of America Pacific Branch in Hawaii.



Michael E. Adams, professor of entomology and neuroscience, received the Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry and Toxicology. This award

recognizes and encourages innovative research in the areas of insect physiology, biochemistry, and toxicology in the broad sense.

Beth Grafton-Cardwell, CE integrated pest management specialist based at Kearney Agricultural Center, received the Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management. This award is given based on outstanding contributions that directly relate to integrated pest management.



John H. Klotz, CE urban entomologist, received the Recognition Award in Urban Entomology. This award recognizes and encourages outstanding extension, research, and teaching contributions in urban entomology, defined here

in its broadest sense as the study of the biology and control of arthropods found in the home or surrounding landscape. Klotz received an inscribed plaque and an award amount determined by the interest earned from the endowment.

Robert Krieger, CE toxicologist, received the Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension. This award is given to an individual who has demonstrated excellence in an Extension program that exhibits creativity, program impact, achievement, and program delivery.



Jocelyn G. Millar, entomology professor, received the C.W. Woodworth Award. This award, accompanied by a \$1,000 honorarium, recognizes an individual Pacific Branch member for outstanding accomplishments in entomology within the region over the past 10 years.



Timothy D. Paine, entomology professor, received the Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching, which is given to an individual who has excelled through innovations in developing new courses, programs, and teaching methods.



### AAAS honors Leal's insect research

Walter Leal's two decades of distinguished research on how insects smell through their antennae has been honored with the American Association for the Advancement of Science's Fellow award. He received the award in February at the society's conference in St. Louis, Mo.

Leal, a UC Davis entomology professor, is best known for his research on the identification and synthesis of insect sex pheromones and on the chemical ecology and chemical communication of insects and potential applications for pest control.

His research has practical implications in explaining how insects communicate within species, how they detect host and non-host plants, and how insect parasites detect their prey.



### Schmitt-McQuitty wins 4-H DSA

Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty, Santa Cruz and Monterey County 4-H Youth Development Advisor has been named the California 4-H Association's Distinguished Service Award winner for 2006. The award is based on her work with professional associations and Extension committees, professional improvement, professional accomplishments and community contributions. Schmitt-McQuitty will be recognized for her outstanding support of the California 4-H Program through her work in the areas of science education and youth development at the 2006 National Association of Extension 4-H Agents annual meeting in October in Milwaukee, Wis.

## Retirement

### John Pusey

John Pusey, 4-H advisor, will retire on March 31 after 29 years of service to UCCE in Los Angeles County.

Pusey joined CE in 1977 as a community education coordinator for the Urban Garden Program. He helped create the Common Ground Garden Program, which shows low-income residents how to grow their own food. He also coauthored "Children's Gardens: A field guide for teachers, parents and volunteers," a book that has helped launch many school garden projects.

In 1985, Pusey became a 4-H advisor, focusing on at-risk youth. As part of Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) drug-free schools project, he helped create summer programs for fifth-graders entering middle school. He also started the 4-H After School Activity Program (ASAP), which has served more than 10,000 children in city and county public-housing developments. Pusey collaborates with LAUSD's Youth Services Program



to incorporate unique 4-H academic enrichment activities into after-school programs.

Pusey has received awards from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and ANR for teaching and providing educational programs and outstanding service in affirmative action.

"During his 29 years with Cooperative Extension, John has contributed tremendously to our ability to serve youth in the county and the state," said Rachel Surls, Los Angeles County director.

"One of the things I have always appreciated about John is his real and heartfelt commitment to young people, particularly marginalized youth," said Carole MacNeil, statewide director for the 4-H Youth Development Program. "John's passion for creating innovative opportunities for young people to grow and learn is inspiring."

Pusey received his bachelor's in English and master's in communication arts from



Portrait of John Pusey by Xiomamara Gonzalez, 4-H "Artists at Work" participant.

Loyola University of Los Angeles.

He looks forward to retirement, as it will allow him to return to his creative pursuits in writing, photography and music.

## In memoriam

### Luella Zamzow



Luella Mae Zamzow, 74, of Davis died Jan. 28 as the result of a car accident in Kern County.

Zamzow was born Jan. 26, 1932, in Atlantic, Iowa. After she graduated from high school, Zamzow majored in home economics at Iowa State University in Ames. She left ISU to marry and have her son.

After completing her degree at California State University, Northridge in 1966, she went to work for UCCE as the Tulare County 4-H advisor, and later as a statewide specialist in youth development and leadership at UC Davis. At 65, Zamzow returned to school and earned a master's degree in Community Planning and Development from American University in Washington, DC.

For years, Zamzow worked with 4-H programs, guiding students and teaching leadership skills. She was in charge of running the Diamond Star program, the highest level in 4-H. She organized a "See California First!" camping trip, taking two busloads of kids around the state. She organized big events with thousands of 4-H kids. She worked with the model Organization of American States program, taking the California delegation back to Washington, DC to participate.

She is survived by her son, Jeffery J. Scharff and his wife Jo; two sisters, Rozella Beck of Grants Pass, Ore., and Morella Larsen of Palm Springs; and two grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Luella Zamzow Memorial Fund for the Shepard Garden & Art Center, c/o 2625 Fair Oaks Blvd., Suite 7, Sacramento, CA 95864.

### Memorial fund established for Sydni Gillette

The Sydni Gillette Memorial Fund has been established for the purpose of placing a tree and bench at the ANR Building on the Davis Campus in Sydni's memory.

Gillette was the executive assistant for the North Coast and Mountain Region, and had been a member of the ANR family for over 35 years. She lost her battle against breast cancer March 24, 2005.

"Sydni loved flowers and blooming trees," said Pam Thomas, chief administrative officer of the North Coast and Mountain Region. "This tree and bench will not only beautify the grounds surrounding our building, but will most importantly provide a reminder of a dear friend and valued employee."

Contributions may be sent to:  
Pam Thomas  
ANR North Coast & Mtn Region  
University of California  
One Shields Avenue  
Davis, CA 95616-8575

Checks should be made payable to Regents of the University of California.

## CAB sets deadlines for large publication proposals

The Communications Advisory Board (CAB) meets quarterly to advise ANR Communication Services on issues of policy, peer review and future direction. Among the Board's tasks are to evaluate proposals for large publications and complex projects that authors wish to have produced by Communication Services after peer review.

These proposals come to the Board via the subject matter associate editor and Communication Services staff, who prepare a marketing analysis and estimate production costs. With this information, the CAB evaluates the project's appropriateness and need, market potential, probable staff and production resources, and support by the author's Division program and associate editor.

Upcoming CAB meetings and the deadlines to submit proposals to Communication Services are:

<u>proposal to Communication Services</u>	<u>for CAB meeting</u>
April 18	May 19
Aug. 14	Sept. 15
Oct. 16	Nov. 17

Since an associate editor's comments on the proposed material are considered carefully by the CAB, it is strongly recommended that authors communicate with their associate editor early in the process. Authors can contact Communication Services publication manager Ann Senuta for an example of a typical proposal.

In the past year, the following proposed publications have been accepted for Communication Services' production by the CAB:

"The Business of Farmstead and Artisan Cheese in the West," senior author Barbara Reed

"Dried Plum Production Manual," technical editor Richard Buchner

"The Care of Oaks in Urban Landscapes," senior author Larry Costello.

## ANR associate editors needed

If you are an advisor, specialist or faculty in the subject areas of vegetable crops, human and community development, agronomy and range, or biotechnology, ANR peer review wants you. Recruitment is now under way for new ANR associate editors in those subject areas.

Associate editors manage the technical review process for ANR educational materials and serve as a link between ANR Communication Services and the Division's programs. They encourage authors to write new publications, revise older ones, and ensure that the content of ANR publications is as scientifically accurate as possible. Through their efforts, associate editors significantly contribute to the quality of extension and outreach programs statewide.

Beginning July 1, associate editors will be needed in human and community development to replace Jim Grieshop, and in vegetable crops to replace Tim Hart. A new associate editor is needed in the rapidly growing biotechnology subject area, and a second associate editor is needed in agronomy and range to assist Doug Munier

in overseeing peer review in that area. The new associate editor terms will be four years except for in agronomy and range, which will be a three-year term.

To nominate yourself or a colleague for associate editor in one of the above subject areas, please provide the following information by **April 14**, to Joe Connell, chair of the Communications Advisory Board's recruitment subcommittee: candidate's name, address, phone number, e-mail address, areas of expertise, and workgroup or continuing conference memberships. Connell's e-mail address is [jhconnell@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jhconnell@ucdavis.edu) and mailing address is UCCE Butte County, 2279-B Del Oro Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965.

Associate editors are appointed by Associate Vice President Rick Standiford on the recommendation of the Communications Advisory Board and CS Director Bob Sams. 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 [jagrant@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jagrant@ucdavis.edu).

## Snapshot of VP & AVP activities

Over the past four weeks, VP Gomes engaged in the following meetings:

- 2/21 Academic Assembly Council Meeting, Oakland
- 2/22 CSREES Conference Call
- 2/23 Delivered remarks on UC budget to California Commodity Committee, Parlier; Roundtable with President's Advisory Commission members Kevin Andrew, Dan Dooley, Ken McCorkle, Joel Nelsen, Tulare
- 2/27 - 2/28 Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching (CARET) /Administrative Heads Section meeting (National Association of State University and Land-Grant Colleges), Washington, DC; directed team of AVP Standiford, UCB Dean Ludden, UCD Assoc. Dean McDonald and CARET representatives Dooley and Gerry Hillier in Capitol Hill visits to offices of Sen. Diane Feinstein and Representatives Joe Baca, Dennis Cardoza, Jim Costa, David Dreier, Bob Filer, Wally Herger, Mike Honda, Duncan Hunter, Barbara Lee, Jerry Lewis, Dan Lungren, Doris Matsui, Buck McKeon, Grace Napolitano, Devin Nunes, George Radanovich, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Ellen Tauscher, Mike Thompson, Lynn Woolsey
- 3/14 State Water Resources Control Board chair Tam Doduc, Oakland
- 3/15 - 3/16 Board of Regents, Los Angeles  
President's Cabinet – every Monday  
UC Vice Presidents' Cabinet with the President – twice monthly  
ANR Vice President's Cabinet – every Monday

Over the past four weeks, AVP Standiford engaged in the following meetings:

- 2/15 - 2/17 Extension Directors, Albuquerque
- 2/23 California Commodity Committee, Parlier; Roundtable with PAC members, Tulare
- 2/27 - 2/28 Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching (See CARET details above), Washington, DC
- 3/1 Ag Science Exhibition, Washington, DC
- 3/6 Los Angeles County CE Staff, Los Angeles
- 3/7 - 3/8 Program Council, Oakland
- 3/9 CE Administrative Working Group, Oakland
- 3/14 Natural Resources Continuing Conference, Berkeley

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