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ANR issues FY 2007-2008 Budget Call

ANR has issued its overall budget call document for FY 2007-2008. The document contains a timeline and instructions for budget requests for the upcoming year. The budget form can be downloaded from the ANR AVP-Administrative Services Web site or http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/files/filelibrary/5099/23338. doc. The deadline for submission is Jan. 15.

Request forms should be submitted to Chris Casey, AVP –Administrative Services, electronically through the appropriate regional director, program leader, associate dean, AVP-Administrative Services, associate vice president or vice president.

ANR's resource allocation process is designed to support high priority issues, encourage collaboration and teamwork to address those issues, maintain essential activities, and build upon existing preeminence in the Division.

UC raises meal expense cap

UC Vice President Anne Broome, Financial Management, has announced that UC's daily meal and incidental expense (M&IE) cap for travel within the continental United States has increased to \$64. This change is based on the highest domestic per diem rate published by the General Services Administration for travel within the continental United States. In accordance with existing policy, travelers may seek reimbursement only for their actual expenses.

The M&IE cap for travel longer than 12 hours but less than 24 hours has been increased to \$42.

The maximum meal rates for entertainment and business meeting meals have been increased in proportion to the M&IE rate for travel within the continental United States. The new rates are as follows:

Breakfast \$26 Lunch \$38 Dinner \$64 Light Refreshments \$17

The revised M&IE rates are effective for expenses incurred on or after Oct. 1, 2006.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Catherine Montano, ANR coordinator–Administrative Policies and Business Contracts, at catherine.montano@ucop.edu or (510) 987-0103.



Cynthia Kintigh, Communication Services marketing manager, left, sells ANR publications to Master Gardeners. The Master Gardeners met for a statewide conference recently in San Jose. See story on page 6.

Employment Opportunities

Fresno, Kings, Madera, Tulare Counties: Air quality advisor

An area air quality advisor is being sought for Fresno, Kings, Madera and Tulare counties. The position will be headquartered in Madera.

The advisor will conduct programs in collaboration and coordination with UCCE farm advisors in the four-county area whose commodity programs have close links to air quality, such as almonds, cotton and other agronomic crops. The advisor will provide science and engineering-based information to agencies and the agricultural industry in key program areas including: air quality and agricultural cropping systems. This position will collaborate in the continued development, evaluation and delivery of educational programs on the agricultural air quality conservation management practices. The advisor will compile, review and apply existing data to air quality issues, identifying gaps and conducting cooperative applied research with CE advisors and specialists, and AES faculty, including those affiliated with UC Davis, UC Berkeley, and UC Riverside air quality centers. These efforts are expected to develop the knowledge base to integrate air quality attainment with economically viable management alternatives.

A master's degree in environmental, atmospheric, or plant/crop sciences, agricultural engineering, or related discipline is required. A PhD is preferred. Knowledge of physical and chemical processes in the lower atmosphere and their links to biological systems is desirable. Course work and field experience in measurement methods for air pollutants and the underlying physical sciences is also desirable. Knowledge in agricultural economics, agricultural management practices, conservation tillage, precision agriculture, and soil and water science is also desirable. Ability to facilitate diverse groups of people and to establish credibility with growers is essential.

Beginning salary will be in the UCCE Assistant to Associate Advisor rank, commensurate with applicable experience and education.

The full position vacancy announcement for position #ACV 05-03-R2 and required academic application are available at http://ucanr.org/cvr.joblisting. Submit applications to Cindy Inouye, UC Cooperative Extension Central Valley Region, 9240 S. Riverbend Ave., Parlier, CA 93648; cinouye@uckac.edu; (559) 646-6535. Complete packets must be received by **Dec. 31**.

Alameda County: Deadline extended for nutrition program administrator

The closing date for Nutrition Network Program Administrator (Academic Administrator III) in Alameda County has been extended to **Oct. 23**.

The position will develop comprehensive education and training programs for nutrition, physical activity, food assistance, and social marketing pertaining to 5-A-Day Power Play (children 9-11 yrs.), Nutrition Education Training Academy (children 3-5), and the Community Nutrition and Mobilization project (for adults). Supervise 19 positions within UCCE; administer and manage an existing grant of \$1.7 million; facilitate collaboration between numerous agencies; and develop media and policy-maker relationships, locally, regionally and statewide.

A master's degree is required in a discipline including, but not limited to, Public Health, Nutrition, Sustainable Ag,

Education or a discipline relevant to duties and responsibilities of the position.

Preferred experience and skills are 5 years in management/supervisory role (preferably education); 3 years supervisory experience in community health/nutrition, and working with low income and diverse populations; developing policies, planning and implementing programs; and educational and mass media outreach, public speaking, technical writing and coalition building, etc. Spanish language fluency is desirable.

Salary will be in the Academic Administrator series, Rank III (\$55,320 – \$63,624), commensurate with applicable experience and professional qualifications.

To apply, contact Cheryl Gneckow at ccsracadrecruitment@ucdavis.edu, or (951) 827-2529.

Land-use planning workgroup forms

A land-use planning workgroup is now forming. The group will explore ways to improve services for planners, county supervisors, and landowners as they make decisions on land-use and general plans.

By pulling together existing Cooperative Extension tools, the workgroup will explore better ways to make them available, identify gaps, and collaborate on research that examines the effects of land-use change. Efforts will focus on the interaction between land-use decisions and habitat conservation; land-use conversion and development; water and watersheds; maintaining viable plant and animal agriculture; and issues that arise at the interface of urban, rural and wild land regions.

For more information, please contact Sabrina Drill in Los Angeles County at (323) 260-3404, sldrill@ucdavis.edu.

AAC travel reimbursement requests due Nov. 3

The Academic Assembly Council is accepting requests for travel reimbursement for professional society meetings to be attended from Jan. 1 to March 31, 2007. Requests are due **Nov. 3**. To submit a request, visit http://groups.ucanr.org/AAC/.

The AAC travel fund supports professional societies that are recognized organizations holding regularly scheduled meetings primarily for the reporting and exchange of knowledge among members. The organizations must publish peer-refereed journals and/or edited proceedings of meetings to promote professional growth.

Cooperative Extension advisors and specialists are eligible for travel reimbursement for one meeting per fiscal year (July 1–June 30). AAC Program Committee approval is only for expense reimbursement from the Professional Society Meeting Fund. Leave with pay to attend the meeting must be approved by travelers immediate supervisor.

The Web interface for entering next quarter (April 1–June 30) requests will be available the first week in January.

For more information, please contact Joni Rippee at (510) 987-0136 or joni. rippee@ucop.edu.

Requests for Proposals

Shafter REC

Shafter Research and Extension Center (SREC) is soliciting proposals for new and continuing research projects for 2007. Research proposals involving Pima cotton are especially encouraged. Proposals are due **Dec. 1**.

SREC is a cotton research facility located on 120 acres in the Southern San Joaquin Valley. Field, laboratory and greenhouse space is available for cotton and other field crops. The center provides labor, equipment, facilities and technical support to UC academics and cooperating organizations such as USDA.

For more information, contact Brian Marsh at (661) 868-6210. For proposal forms contact Ruthie Tafoya at (661) 746-8037. Additional information and downloadable forms are available at the ANR

Research and Extension Centers Web site: http://danrrec.ucdavis.edu/shafter/research_forms.html

Center for Water Resources

The Center for Water Resources is requesting proposals for the Water Resources Center Research Program, the Salinity/Drainage Program, and the Irrigation Management Program (Prosser Trust). The funding period for all programs begins July 1, 2007. The deadline to submit proposals is **Dec. 15**.

Projects are awarded on the basis of technical merits, relevance to issues in California, and availability of funds.

The Water Resources Center Research Program supports fundamental and applied research that promotes understanding, development, protection, and effective management of water resources.

The Salinity/Drainage Program supports research and/or extension activities that address and contribute to the resolution of the salinity-drainage-toxic trace elements problem in the western San Joaquin Valley and elsewhere in California.

The Irrigation Management Program is open to a broad spectrum of topics related to crop irrigation management, but generally focuses on water conservation and improving irrigation efficiency.

The full request for proposals with submission and eligibility details can be found at www.waterresources.ucr.edu.

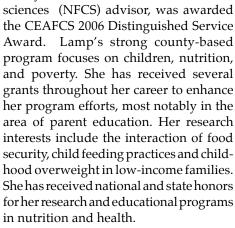
For questions, please contact the Center for Water Resources at cwres@ucr.edu or (951) 827-4327.

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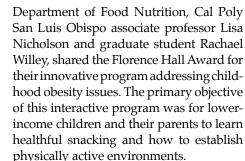
CEAFCS announces award winners

California Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (CEAFCS) announced its 2006 award winners.

Cathi Lamp, Tulare County nutrition, family and consumer



The team of San Luis Obispo NFCS advisor Shirley Peterson, UCB Center for Weight and Health associate specialist Dana Gerstein, San Luis Obispo nutrition education assistants Krista Mugford and Jenny Davis; nutrition specialist Pat Crawford,



The CEAFCS Communications Award was shared by Alameda NFCS advisor Mary Blackburn, nutrition education specialist Amy Block-Joy, Los Angeles NFCS advisor Barbara Turner, nutrition education specialist Marilyn Townsend, San Joaquin NFCS advisor Anna Martin and community nutrition specialist Lucia Kaiser. The team developed a validated Food Behavior Checklist to evaluate fruit and vegetable intake among ethnically diverse families. Seven of 11 fruits and vegetables checklist items were significantly correlated with total serum carotenoids - a biomarker for blood carotene. This evaluation instrument has been used statewide in EFNEP and FSNEP.

Turner received the association's Marjorie Michael Award for excellence in

a variety of community programs during her extensive career. Her program emphasis includes nutrition and health for youth, adults and seniors; welfare-to-work life skills; consumer financial management; and food safety/food biosecurity education.

Armenta joins 5 a Day program

Adriana Armenta has joined the 5 a Day program of UCCE in Los Angeles. Armenta began her post as project coordinator on Sept. 14. She comes to Cooperative Extension from the Keck Diabetes Prevention



Initiative, where she conducted a community-level needs assessment and developed interventions to prevent obesity and diabetes in Los Angeles communities.

As project coordinator for 5 a Day Power Play!, Armenta is responsible for coordinating and scheduling field events and activities in local schools, community organizations, worksites, farmers markets and restaurants. She will work closely

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with local school districts, including the Los Angeles Unified School District. She will also collaborate with business and community health leaders.

"I am very excited about my new position," said Armenta. "It allows me to continue the important work in diabetes and obesity prevention as well as promote healthy living."

"I am very pleased that Adriana has joined us in our 5 a Day efforts." says Rachel Surls, Los Angeles County director. "She brings years of experience in community education and outreach and understands the critical issues facing our local communities when it comes to accessing healthful fruits and vegetables and engaging in physical activities."

Armenta received her bachelor's degree in psychology, with a minor in criminal justice, from CSU Long Beach. She can be reached at aaarmenta@ucdavis.edu or (323) 260-3388.

Mayhead joins forest products team

Gareth Mayhead joined ANR in September as the academic coordinator-forest products. He will work with John Shelly, forest advisor, on a USDA Forest Service grant coordinating outreach in woody biomass



and forest products issues in California, Oregon and Washington.

"He comes to us from Wales, UK where he most recently worked on technical assistance to the forest industry in northwest England," Shelly said. "With his strong background in wood properties and processing he is a valuable addition to the UC Berkeley forest products group."

Mayhead earned a master's in Forest Industries Technology at the University of Wales, Bangor, UK. Following this he worked for five years at the BioComposites Centre, at the University of Wales, in a number of roles as research scientist and pulp lab manager. His work was mainly fiber based (wood and non-wood) and included panel board and pulp/paper evaluation at the laboratory, pilot and industrial scales. Most recently he worked at The Mersey Forest in northwest England

as timber project officer, delivering support and assistance to the timber industry in the Mersey Belt area. His projects included areas such as waste wood, added value products, grant support, forest certification and biomass for energy. He also worked as advocate for the Northwest Regional Forestry Framework focusing on forestry policy issues.

Mayhead can be reached at the University of California Richmond Field Station, Building 478, 1301 South 46th Street, Richmond, CA94804; (510) 665-3662; garethmayhead@nature.berkeley.edu.

Oneto named Tuolumne CD/farm advisor

Scott Oneto has moved from UCCE in Amador County to serve as Tuolumne County director and farm advisor. He succeeds Jay Norton, who took a job with the University of Wyoming.



Born and raised in Amador County, Oneto was involved with 4-H and FFA during his childhood, raising rabbits, sheep and beef. After graduating from UC Davis in 1997, he took the Master Gardener training and became a volunteer in Amador County. In 1999 Oneto joined UCCE in Amador County as a natural resources program representative doing work in livestock, rangeland management, invasive weeds and natural resources and overseeing the Master Gardener program.

Oneto holds a BS degree in plant biology. In 2000, he went back to UC Davis to pursue a graduate degree. Studying under weed specialist Joe DiTomaso, Oneto's research focused on developing control strategies for a number of invasive plants in California. This spring he received his MS degree in horticulture and agronomy with an emphasis in weed science. His thesis was titled "Chemical Control Strategies for Five Spreading Invasives: Scotch Broom, Tree Tobacco, Big Periwinkle, Hedgeparsley, and Houndstongue."

Oneto can be reached at 2 South Green Street, Sonora, CA 95370; (209) 533-5686 (office); (209) 532-8978 (fax); (209) 743-0189 (mobile); or soneto@co.tuolumne.ca.us.

Takele named acting Riverside CD

Eta Takele, area farm management and agricultural economics advisor, has been appointed acting county director for Riverside County. She succeeds Peggy Mauk, whois now director of the Central



Coast and South Region. Takele has crosscounty responsibilities in San Diego, San Bernardino, Imperial, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura. She can be reached at (951) 683-6491 ext. 243 or ettakele@ucdavis.edu.

Schnaidt joins Financial Services

Ian Schnaidt is the new senior accountant for ANR Financial Services in Oakland, effective Oct. 9. He succeeds Julie Ong, who took a job at UCSF.



Most recently he worked in the UCSF

Controller's Office. Previously he held a variety of accounting positions in the private sector. He holds a BS from California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo. Schnaidt can be reached at (510) 987-0059 or Ian.Schnaidt@ucop.edu.

Unterberg joins AVP staff

Geralyn Unterberg has moved from the Berkeley campus to UCOP to serve as executive assistant to Rick Standiford, associate vice president, effective Oct. 2.



She began her career at UCB in 1985 in the

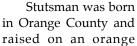
Moffitt Undergraduate Library. In 1992 she moved to the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics assisting faculty and CE specialists with their academic programs. She moved to the Dean's Office in the College of Natural Resources in 2001 and served as executive assistant to the dean, and most recently, as awards and events coordinator.

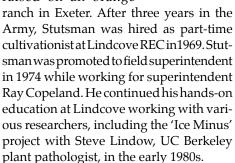
Unterberg can be reached at <u>Geralyn.</u> unterberg@ucop.edu or (510) 987-0027.

Retiring

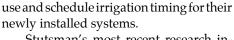
Walter Stutsman

Walt Stutsman, principal superintendent of agriculture at Lindcove Research and Extension Center, retired Oct. 1 after 37 years with UC.





Early in his career, low volume irrigation became important to the citrus industry and he was involved in the installation of systems at the center. Stutsman worked with John Pehrson, citrus specialist, to teach citrus growers how to calculate daily water



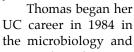
Stutsman's most recent research involvement has been in the development and release of the "Tango" seedless mandarin with Mikeal Roose, UCR geneticist. This new variety is highly anticipated by California's citrus industry, and has stirred a real "buzz" among growers.

In his 37 years at Lindcove REC, Stutsman has at one time or another performed every job required to run the center, and is highly respected by his employees. Stutsman worked with office manager Betty Kilburn to develop an accounting system to record the activities of the center's employees and equipment to better manage the labor, equipment, and facilities budget. Stutsman's extensive knowledge of citriculture from seed bed, budding and planting citrus to postharvest evaluations has earned him the respect of the California citrus industry.

In retirement, Stutsman plans to catch up on unfinished chores in his olive orchard in Woodlake, travel with his wife Donna, and spend time with his grandchildren in Madera.

Pam Thomas

Pam Thomas, chief administrative officer for the North Coast and Mountain Region, retired Sept. 30 after 22 years of UC service.





immunology department in the School of Veterinary Medicine. In 1988, she joined the North Coast and Mountain Region staff, based in Davis. In recent years, she worked part time with ANR contracts and grants coordinator Carol Berman in Oakland to assist with contracts and grants.

"Pam provided leadership and support beyond the region," said Kim Rodrigues, NCMR regional director. "She was willing and able to provide key leadership in all areas of financial and administrative matters."

In memoriam

Dana Irving Grover Jr.

Irving Grover, UCCE agriculturist emeritus, died in Napa on Sept. 6 at age 96.

He was born in Kyoto, Japan, the son of missionary parents. Grover earned an AB from Pomona College, a BS from UC Berkeley, and an M.Ed. from UC Davis.

Grover joined UC Cooperative Extension in Napa County in 1947 as an assistant farm advisor. He served as farm advisor until his retirement from UC in 1969.

Grover worked with ranchers and livestock as an agronomy advisor. According to John Wagenknecht, Napa County youth advisor emeritus, Grover was instrumental in setting up fire safety training for people who owned homes in the hills. "This training included information about clearing around homes and the right vegetation to plant," Wagenknecht said. "He also did experimental work evaluating subclovers in range management systems." Wagenknecht added that Grover grew the best apples around.

He is survived by wife Helen, daughter Carolyn Lief, son Thomas Grover, brothers Charles and Sanford Grover, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Stanley Coates Jr.

Stan Coates, poultry advisor emeritus, died June 24 in Napa at age 88. During his 36-year career with UCCE, Coates served in San Luis Obispo, Alameda, Santa Clara and Sonoma counties.

Hejoined UCCE in 1946 as an assistant farm advisor in San Luis Obispo. Three

years later, he transferred to Alameda. In 1962, he became the poultry advisor for Santa Clara County. In 1969, Coates moved to Sonoma County, where he worked with poultry and game birds until his retirement from UC in 1982. During his career, he also contributed time to the 4-H program.

Coates was born in Tillamook, Ore. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Oregon State University, where he met his future wife of 65 years, Verona. He took a break in his studies to serve as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1946.

He is survived by wife, Verona, daughters Anne (husband Cliff) and Jane (husband John), and sons David (wife Julie) and Bill (wife Kimi), eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Snapshot of VP & AVP activities

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

- 9/20-21 Regents, San Francisco
 - California Farm Bureau Federation Board Dinner, Sacramento
 - 9/27 State Board of Food and Agriculture, Modesto
 - 9/28 Executive Council
 - 10/1-4 The National Academies' Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources Leadership Summit and meetings with USDA administrators Colien Hefferan, Edward Knipling, Gale Buchanan, Washington, DC
 - 10/5 Dinner speaker at Statewide Master Gardener Conference, San Jose

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Twice monthly

UC VP Cabinet with the President

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ANR Vice President's Cabinet

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

- 9/18 Animal Agriculture Coordinating Conference, Davis
- 9/19 ANR Executive Office Fall Retreat, Danville 9/20
- College of Natural Resources Dean Ludden
- 9/21 Leadership Development Oversight Committee
- 9/22 Enterprise Risk Management Planning Group
- 9/25 ANR Staff
- 9/26 ANR Workgroup Chair and Statewide **Program Director, Sacramento**
- 9/28 Executive Council: College of Agriculture and Environmental Science Dean Van Alfen
- 9/29 School of Veterinary Medicine Dean Osburn
- 10/3 Status of CE Advisor Committee; National **Environmental Observation Network**
- 10/4 Academic Assembly Council, Riverside
- 10/5 Statewide Master Gardener Conference, San Jose
- Leadership of Almond Board of California, California Pistachio Commission, and California Walnut Commission, Modesto
- 10/10 CE Administrative Working Group, Davis

10/10-11 Program Council, Davis

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Nancy Garrison, retired Santa Clara County CE urban horticulture and Master Gardener coordinator, gives a tour of the rare fruit orchard at Prusch Park.

Master Gardeners convene in San Jose

For the third time in the 25-year history of the UCCE Master Gardener program, UCCE's certified Master Gardener volunteers from all over California gathered to collect resources, learn the latest in garden science and trade outreach ideas at a statewide conference, held in San Jose Oct. 4-6.

More than 300 certified Master Gardeners attended the conference, titled "Growing Your Garden of Knowledge." AVP Rick Standiford opened the conference with the Division's perspective of the program.

"You are part of the researchextension continuum," Standiford said. "This is what ANR is about and you are a part of it."

Noting that the number of CE advisors has not grown at the same rate as the state's population, VP Gomes told participants, "Without volunteers, we would not be able to reach the people of California who need and use this important information."

Gomes added that the program, which began in 1981 in Sacramento, Riverside and Fresno counties, has expanded to 36 counties and has produced 3,200 certified Master Gardeners.

Participants learned researchbased sustainable landscape, integrated pest management and water conservation practices, plus heard a series of speakers discuss school and youth gardens. Former California superintendent of public instruction, Delaine Easton, challenged the Master Gardeners to support her initiative to plant a garden at every California school. School gardens are assets that she says improve academic performance, impart better eating habits, and offer an opportunity for physical activity.

"This is so much more than just digging in the dirt," Easton said. "It's a whole sense of responsibility and a whole sense of community. Sow a sense of wonder and magic. Help us create a garden in every school."

The conference planners -which included statewide Master Gardener coordinator Pam Geisel, UC academics and Master Gardener volunteers -- received a Core Issues Grant and funding from the Urban Horticulture Workgroup to support travel for speakers and county Master Gardener coordinators. The Master Gardener participants donated their time, and paid for their own travel and registration expenses.

- Jeannette Warnert