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Gillless named CNR acting dean

UC Berkeley professor J. Keith Gillless has been appointed acting dean of the College of Natural Resources effective July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008.



Gillless, a professor of forest economics and management, is currently serving as the executive associate dean of the college. He will succeed Dean Paul Ludden, who will become provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at Southern Methodist University.

A national search for a full-term dean of the college will be initiated, with formal appointment expected by July 1, 2008.

"My role during this transition period is about stewardship, not stasis," said Gillless. "Over the past five years, Dean Ludden has brought tremendous energy to the College through growing enrollment, extraordinary faculty hires and stronger relationships across the Cal campus. We have real momentum, and we're going to continue to make the most of that."

Vice president search under way

A search committee for the vice president for agriculture and natural resources position now under recruitment in the University of California has been appointed by W. Rory Hume, UC provost and executive vice president.

Richard Rominger, a fourth-generation farmer from Winters, will chair the 13-member search committee. Rominger is a member of the UC President's Advisory Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources and is a former UC regent, former deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and former director of the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Other external members of the search committee are the following:

- Don Gordon, president, Agricultural Council of California*
- Jonathan Kaplan, director, Natural Resources Defense Council Sustainable Ag Project*
- A.G. Kawamura, secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture*
- Doug Mosebar, president, California Farm Bureau Federation*
- Judith Redmond, president, Community Alliance with Family Farmers*
- Karen Ross, president, California Association of Winegrape Growers*
- Stuart Woolf, chair, UC President's Advisory Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources and president, Woolf Enterprises*

The search committee also includes UC members:

- Fred Ruiz, UC regent and co-founder and chairman, Ruiz Foods*
- Michael Drake, chancellor, UC Irvine*
- Bob Foley, vice president, Laboratory Management*
- John Oakley, chair, Universitywide Academic Senate*
- Neal Van Alfen, dean, UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences*

The search committee invites letters of nomination, applications (letter of interest, complete curricula vitae and references), or expressions of interest to be submitted to Parker Executive Search, the search firm assisting UC. For more information, contact Daniel F. Parker, Sr. or Laurie C. Wilder of Parker Executive Search at (770) 804-1996 ext. 109 or lwilder@parkersearch.com.

The complete position description can be found at www.parkersearch.com under "Higher Education." Confidential review of materials will begin immediately and continue until the appointment is made. It is preferred that all nominations and applications be submitted prior to **July 9**.

President Dynes has said the search may produce both internal and external candidates. He has appointed Richard B. Standiford, acting vice president, until a successor to Reg Gomes, vice president emeritus, is named.



Mignonne Pollard, 4-H Youth Development Program assistant director, (standing on right) greets two members of the California Conservation Corps at the Human Resources Coordinating Conference. See full story on [page 6](#).

Requests for Proposals

Analytical Lab

ANR Analytical Laboratory invites CE advisors and specialists to apply to its Research Project Grant program for the upcoming cycle.

This program is designed to provide seed funding (i.e., analyses at no charge) for projects establishing baseline data that may result in extramural funding and for small projects (1-2 years) where extramural funding is unavailable. Higher priority will be given to new academics submitting proposals, to pilot or new projects, and/or to one-year projects for which other funding cannot be obtained.

Typical awards do not exceed \$2,500. Proposals are reviewed by the Laboratory Advisory Committee, using criteria listed in the program's guidelines. Please be sure to read the guidelines carefully. Proposals must be submitted in the current, required format.

Deadline for submitting proposals is **Aug. 1**. E-mail proposals to danranlab@ucdavis.edu. Forms are available on the lab's Website at http://groups.ucanr.org/danranlab/Research_Proposals/. For more information, call (530) 752-0147.

The following research project was approved for funding from the February 2007 cycle:

"Evaluation of improved methods for tissue testing of alfalfa"

Principal Investigator: Steve Orloff

Collaborator: Dan Putnam

Kearney Foundation

The Kearney Foundation of Soil Science invites ANR faculty and CE advisors and specialists to apply to its research project grant program for the upcoming cycle. Proposals are due **Aug. 31**.

The RFP and proposal submittal requirements can be found on the Kearney Web site at <http://kearney.ucdavis.edu>.

The goals of the current mission, "Understanding and Managing Soil-Ecosystem Functions Across Spatial and Temporal Scales," are as follows:

- Investigate how ecosystem properties, processes, functions and services are controlled by soil biophysical and biochemical processes across spatial and temporal scales;
- Conduct multiscale basic and applied research that demonstrates clear relevance to land management decisions and policies;
- Examine transitions between scales at which important soil-ecosystem processes occur and interact; and
- Examine the relationships between the scale of management decisions and the scale of investigation, assessment and monitoring.

For more information, call (530) 754-9668 or send e-mail to kearney@ucdavis.edu.

Employment Opportunities

Imperial County: Vegetable crops advisor

Imperial County is seeking a vegetable crops advisor. The deadline to apply has been extended--the new closing date is **June 22**.

The advisor will be expected to design and implement an applied research program in vegetable crop production to develop information to resolve priority problems; and design and implement an educational program to extend new and existing information to identified clientele groups. The advisor will initiate, develop and conduct educational and applied research programs in vegetable crop production.

The position requires a master's degree in horticulture or a related field. An ability to effectively convey research-based information to the public, conduct issue-focused research, and publish research results is required.

Beginning salary will be in the CE Assistant Advisor rank, commensurate with applicable experience and professional qualifications.

To view the complete description for position #ACCSO-07-03-R, go to <http://ucanr.org/jobs.shtml#ccsj>.

Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties: Agriculture and environmental issues advisor

The Central Coast and South Region seeks an agriculture and environmental issues advisor to serve Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties. The deadline for applications is **July 30**.

Headquartered in Lancaster, the advisor will design, develop, implement and evaluate educational programs for high desert growers and the public on crop production and related environmental issues, particularly those related to the agriculture/urban interface, dust control and waste management.

The advisor will provide a direct link between UC and the community, seeking creative research-based solutions to local agricultural/environmental problems, helping local growers stay on the cutting edge of production technologies, and educating urban residents about local agriculture and its value.

A minimum of a master's degree in an agricultural field is required. Knowledge of crop production practices, soil science, and pest management is essential. Knowledge of emerging environmental issues is helpful.

Salary is in the CE Assistant Advisor rank, commensurate with the candidate's education and relevant experience.

A full description for position #ACCSO-07-06 is at <http://ucanr.org/jobs.shtml#ccsj>.

To request an Academic Application packet for #ACCSO-07-03-R or #ACCSO-07-06, or for questions regarding the application process, call (951) 827-2529 or e-mail ccsracadrecruitment@ucdavis.edu.

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Madera and Merced counties:

Agronomic crops and weed control advisor

Madera and Merced counties are seeking an agronomic crops and weed control advisor to serve both counties.

The Madera-based advisor will focus on agronomic crops--such as alfalfa, cotton, field corn, cereal grains, rice, dry beans and sugar beets--and weed management and control in all crop areas and non-crop areas, such as ditch banks and rangelands.

A master's degree in plant science or a related discipline is required. A specialization in agronomic crops or weed science is preferred. Soil and water coursework and/or experience are desirable. The advisor must acquire a California Qualified Applicators Certificate (QAC) within nine months of employment.

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

The full description for position #ACV 06-10 and required academic application are available at <http://ucanr.org/cvr.joblisting>. Complete packets are due **Aug. 17.**

Solano and Yolo counties:

Orchard systems/horticulture advisor

Solano and Yolo counties are seeking an orchard systems/horticulture advisor, to be based in Fairfield. The advisor's responsibilities would be to plan, conduct and coordinate a county-based extension program of education and applied research in the area of orchard management systems and pomology. The focus will be on maximizing sustainability in nut and fruit orchards throughout both counties.

A master's degree in a biological, agricultural, plant science, or other closely related field, is required. The advisor must acquire a California Qualified Applicators Certificate (QAC) within nine months from employment.

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

The full position description and required academic application for position #ACV 06-12 are at <http://ucanr.org/cvr.joblisting>. Deadline to apply is **July 27.**

Submit applications for #ACV 06-10 and #ACV 06-12 to *Cindy Inouye*, UCCE Central Valley Region, 9240 S. Riverbend Ave., Parlier, CA 93648; cinouye@uckac.edu, (559) 646-6535.

Names in the News

Hardesty named Small Farm director

Shermain Hardesty has been appointed to a 5-year term as director of the Small Farm Program effective July 1.

"We are delighted to have Shermain join our Small Farm Program team," said ANR Program Leader Maxwell Norton. "She has a long association with the program, and her research should contribute greatly to the mission of the program."

Hardesty is currently a Cooperative Extension specialist in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at UC Davis, and is also the director of the department's Rural Cooperatives Center.

She holds a PhD in agricultural economics, a master's in agricultural economics and a bachelor's in economics from UC Davis.

Norton expressed gratitude to Marita Cantwell, interim director of the Small Farm Program, for the important role she served in keeping the program going "full-speed ahead" after the retirement of Desmond Jolly as director.

"This is a very difficult thing to do, and Dr. Cantwell assumed a big responsibility in addition to her own program," he said. "We look forward to her continued association with the program through her vegetable postharvest physiology work."

Hardesty is based in Davis. After July 1, she can be reached at (530) 752-7774 and sfpdirector@ucdavis.edu.

Espino named rice advisor

Luis A. Espino will be the rice farming systems advisor for Colusa County, with cross-county assignments in Glenn and Yolo counties, beginning July 23. Espino earned his bachelor's degree in agronomy at Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina in Lima, Peru, and master's of agriculture in agronomy at Texas A&M University in College Station. He is completing his PhD in entomology at Texas A&M.



Most recently Espino has been working as a rice research assistant at Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Beaumont, Texas.

After July 23, Espino can be reached at (530) 458-0578 in Colusa.

Dawson joins Small Farm Program

Brenda Dawson joined ANR as the Communications Coordinator for the Small Farm Program on April 2.

In her new position, Dawson will be updating and maintaining www.sfc.ucdavis.edu, coordinating Small Farm Center publications and promoting the statewide Small Farm Program.

Dawson most recently worked as the editor of the Placer Herald, a newspaper based in Rocklin. She holds a bachelor's degree in English from Arizona State University.

Dawson is based in Davis and can be reached at bldawson@ucdavis.edu and (530) 752-7849.

Neelon named NF&CS advisor

Marisa Neelon was promoted to nutrition, family and consumer sciences advisor in Contra Costa County on Feb. 1.

Prior to her role as advisor, Neelon served Contra Costa CE as the youth Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program representative for 10 years.

"She is well-acquainted with the county's diverse clientele and many nutrition agencies," said Shelley Murdock, Contra Costa County director. "In her new position, she provides leadership and supervision to community nutrition instructors and brings up-to-date nutrition research to the groups with whom she will be working."

Her research interests include childhood obesity and strengthening the relationship between growing and consuming fresh produce among children and youth.



Names in the news

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Neelon is a Bay Area native. She earned her bachelor's degree in food, nutrition and dietetics at UC Berkeley and a master's degree in nutrition from Tufts University. She is a registered dietitian and active member of several local nutrition coalitions.

Neelon can be reached at mqneelon@ucdavis.edu and (925) 646-6128.

Harrigan to oversee UC Delivers

Patricia Harrigan joined Program Planning and Evaluation June 1 as an administrative specialist, reporting to director Pat Day. Harrigan will coordinate the [UC Delivers](#) program, analyze program data, and support federal programmatic reporting and divisionwide program planning activities. She succeeds Andrea Tung, who took a position at UC Merced.



Harrigan served UC Academic Affairs for seven years as an administrative assistant for Academic Initiatives and the California Digital Library. Prior to coming to UC, she worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 11 years and for 4-H in Massachusetts for a year. She holds a master's degree in education from San Francisco State, and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Westfield State College in Massachusetts.

Harrigan can be reached at (510) 987-0067 and Patricia.Harrigan@ucop.edu.

Cal Ag moves

The staff of *California Agriculture* journal has moved offices out of UCOP to the Marchant Building in Oakland.

Their new address is 6701 San Pablo Avenue, 2nd Floor, Oakland, CA 94608-1239. The staff can be reached at (510) 642-2431: Janet White, executive editor (ext. 20); Janet Byron, managing editor (ext. 19); and Davis Krauter, art director (ext. 21). Their new fax number is (510) 643-5470. Their e-mail addresses remain the same.

Gallagher joins PAC

President Dynes has appointed Cornelius Gallagher to the President's Advisory Commission for a three-year term, effective July 1. Gallagher, senior vice president and agribusiness executive for Bank of America's Consumer and Commercial Banking Credit Risk Management Administration, has a long relationship with the University of California and ANR through his service on the 4-H Foundation Board and assistance with a variety of budget and advocacy efforts.



Gallagher chairs the Risk Management Association's National Agricultural Lending Committee and is on the California Bankers Association Agricultural Lending Committee. He also chairs the bank's California Political Action Committee. Gallagher is past treasurer of the California 4-H Foundation Board, a member of the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo School of Agriculture Advisory Council, and a member of the Santa Clara University Advisory Board of the Institute of Agribusiness. He serves on the California Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee, the California Agricultural Roundtable, and is on the board of directors of The Agricultural Network, the California State Fair Agricultural Advisory Council, and the California Food and Fiber Future Advisory Board. He earned a bachelor's degree in animal science from Iowa State University.

Gallagher replaces Ken McCorkle, agribusiness manager for Wells Fargo Bank, who resigned because he moved out of state.

ANR launches Web-based mailing list feature

The Communications Services Web Action Team now offers a mailing-list creation tool to all ANR employees through the ANR portal. The new feature allows users to make and manage large lists of "subscribers" to receive e-mail.

The mailing list is similar to a listserv, but it has some distinguishing features:

- The ANR mail list is inherently immune to spam.
- Every message sent via the ANR mail list is archived, viewable by anyone on the list. So when people are added they can read old messages to catch up on the conversation.
- The ANR portal mail list system makes it very easy to see who is on the list. It is also very easy to add and delete subscribers.
- Each list can have multiple owners, allowing more than one person to share the work of maintaining the list.

ANR staff and academics may create an unlimited number of mailing lists, each with an unlimited number of subscribers. The system may be used for workgroups, office lists or any other collection of people who need to receive the same broadcast e-mails.

The ANR portal is at <http://my.ucanr.org>. The mailing list link is in the upper right-hand corner. For more information about the mailing list feature, go to http://groups.ucanr.org/portal/Mailing_Lists/.

Link to ANR news RSS feed

A link to the ANR news RSS feed now appears on the news Web site <http://news.ucanr.org/>.

Just click the orange button at the bottom of the left navigation bar. That takes you to a page with the address of the news RSS. If you add that address – <http://news.ucanr.org/anrnews.xml> – to your RSS reader, you will receive headlines and summaries of ANR news releases whenever they are posted to the ANR news Web site.

Retirements

Joe Camarillo

Joe Camarillo, 4-H advisor in Madera County, likes to tell people in Madera he was “born here, raised here, went to school here, taught here and still here.” At the end of June, after leading the local 4-H program for 27 years, he will be able to add “retired here.”



Camarillo began working in agriculture with his migrant farmworker parents at a tender age. He worked in the fields himself from age 7 until he was a sophomore in high school.

In high school, Camarillo became active in FFA, participating in livestock judging, parliamentary procedure, public speaking and raising animals. Livestock sales helped finance Camarillo’s education at California State University, Fresno, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in animal husbandry. After a two-year stint as an agriculture teacher at Tranquillity High School, Camarillo took a similar post at Madera High School. Eight years later, the UCCE Madera County director recruited Camarillo to lead the 4-H program.

While managing 11 4-H clubs in Madera, he also developed the “Beginning Life Series” school enrichment program. Camarillo has presented the series in 300 classrooms, allowing students to become “parents” of a fertilized chicken egg and learn about birth, death, physical defects, adoption and pecking order. It has been offered in kindergarten through high school, with adjustments to make it age appropriate.

“In leading 4-H, you tend to work mainly with the adult volunteers,” he said. “I missed the kids. With school enrichment, I got to talk about 4-H programs, agriculture and why it is so important to kids who weren’t involved in traditional clubs. That made me happy.”

Camarillo will stay in Madera County and work on statewide 4-H issues during retirement. He also plans to implement the statewide 4-H livestock judging contest and do animal science workshops on such issues as ethics and quality assurance.

“I plan to wean myself slowly,” he said. – *Jeannette Warnert*

Patricia Johns

Patricia Johns, UC Cooperative Extension San Benito County director and 4-H advisor, will retire after 32 years of UC service on June 28.



Johns, a native of Hanford, began her career with UC in 1975 as a 4-H youth development and home economist advisor for Lake and Mendocino counties. She had taken an interest in Cooperative Extension after working on a special project with UCCE home economist Mildred Townsend during her senior year at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo.

In 1985, she became the 4-H youth development advisor for Lake County, adding county director duties in 1987. From 1990 to 1998, she also served as the North Region 4-H coordinator. Dur-

ing this time, she developed before- and after-school programs for at-risk youth that continue to be offered by 4-H and other community agencies.

In 1999, she moved south to become San Benito County director and 4-H advisor. She inherited a 4-H program in turmoil, but succeeded in turning it around.

“Being able to have an impact on the lives of children and the two communities that I have lived and worked in,” Johns said has made working in Cooperative Extension most rewarding.

She holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in home economics from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and a teaching credential from Dominican University of California in Marin County.

In retirement, Johns looks forward to traveling, golfing, gardening and quilting.

Mario Viveros

Mario Viveros, Kern County farm advisor, retires June 29 from a career that has helped the county’s almond growers boost their annual yield as much as 50 percent.

A native of the Mexican state of Michoacan, Viveros immigrated with his family to Holtville when he was in the sixth grade.

Viveros earned a bachelor’s degree in agriculture science management and a master’s degree in horticulture from UC Davis. In 1977, he joined an internship program with UCCE, and in 1979, he was named the deciduous fruit and nut farm advisor for Kern County.

“When I came to Kern County, I noticed almond orchards lost all their leaves by October, even though there was plenty of growing season left,” Viveros said. He teamed up with UC Davis water specialist David Goldhamer to test depriving almond trees of water at different stages of development.

“We discovered that postharvest irrigation was the most important thing that a grower can do,” Viveros said. “With a postharvest irrigation, the trees kept their leaves and there was a great increase in production the following year. That practice is responsible for increasing yields at least

500 pounds per acre, about 25 percent.”

He also introduced the long pruning system to Kern County.

“The farmers were pruning their almonds like peaches,” Viveros said. “They selected a tree scaffold and cut the branches only 12 inches long.”

“By leaving the trees alone and just cleaning up the center, we were able to get the orchard into early production,” he said. Today, long pruning is standard practice.

“When I came to Kern County 2,000 pounds (of almonds) per acre production was a dream,” Viveros said. “Now, growers get 3,000 to 4,000 pounds per acre.”

In retirement, he plans to stay in Kern County and seek emeritus status.

“I have accumulated information on varieties, pruning. It needs to be published. I’m going to come to the office and work on the things I never had time to do as a farm advisor,” Viveros said.

– *Jeannette Warnert*



HR conference promotes sustainability

A diverse mix of people from different ANR programs and their community partners gathered for the Human Resources Coordinating Conference in Davis on June 4-6. "Building and Celebrating Connections for Sustainable, Healthy and Just Communities" was the theme.

Opening the conference, Tom Tomich, director of the Agricultural Sustainability Institute and the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program, described some of the principles and practices that lead to sustainability.

Tomich encouraged collaborating with people with different types of knowledge to solve complex problems and emphasized the need to ask the "right questions." The 160 attendees – which included farm advisors, nutrition advisors, youth advisors, natural resources advisors and community partners – were given a sheet of paper featuring his or her name and photo on which to list needs and resources he or she had to offer others. These sheets were taped to the wall to facilitate meetings of people who normally don't work together, such as nutrition advisors who want to work with farm advisors to bring fresh produce to neighborhoods that don't have farmers markets or grocery stores.

During the session on community-based natural resources stewardship, Richard Rodriguez of the California



Marianne Bird, Sacramento County 4-H advisor, introduces herself to Richard Rodriguez of California Conservation Corps.

Conservation Corps described being at a fire camp and realizing he was the only person of color, except for the convict crews. As he directs diverse groups of CCC young people working outdoors, he explains to them why invasive species are harmful and other rationale for the actions they are taking. Rodriguez suggested replacing

the word "diversity" with "democracy" to better understand why people of different backgrounds should be involved.

"We in ANR have traditionally defined our clientele narrowly," said Kim Rodrigues, North Coast and Mountain



Mike Marzolla, Santa Barbara County 4-H and master gardener advisor, left, talks with Kim Rodrigues and Leigh Taylor Johnson, San Diego County marine advisor.

Region director. She noted that before we can form the "right questions" we may need to ensure that we have the "right" people at the table working with us to define our research and extension programs.

"The people who are most impacted are the most interested in finding solutions, but we have to raise awareness among others for a sustainable solution," said Robin Pelc, UC Santa Barbara graduate student.

While some attendees expressed concern that human resources isn't explicit in ANR's name, others pointed out that people are an integral part of everything the division does. Ellie Rilla, Marin County director, said people are the "culture" in "agriculture." Dave Campbell, director of the California Communities Program, said, "Community is core and central to all of our work." Reinforcing the importance of the human resources disciplines to ANR, acting VP Rick Standiford noted in his speech that one-third of the 27 new advisors hired since 2005 work in the human resources area.

During the three-day conference, participants were inspired and invigorated by their ANR colleagues' research and outreach endeavors. Aziz Baameur, farm advisor for Santa Clara County, probably expressed the sentiments of many when he said, "This has been an opportunity to see the whole dynamic range of activity. I didn't really learn anything I didn't know, but I see it in a

better light. I've seen the depth of energy and commitment."

Conference co-chairs were Karen Varcoe, Human Resources program leader; Jim Grieshop, 4-H Center for Youth Development director; Jonathan London, Center for the Study of Regional Change director; and Sheri Zidenberg-Cherr, UC Davis nutrition science specialist.

The conference was sponsored by the Human Resources Coordinating Conference, California Communities Program, Nutrition Coordinating Conference, 4-H Center for Youth Development and the Center for the Study of Regional Change. Their Web sites will link to transcripts of the conference and PowerPoint presentations.



Ken Willmarth, Stanislaus County 4-H advisor, talks with Leigh Taylor Johnson.



Left to right, Christy Getz, UC Berkeley specialist, meets Linda Garcia, Sonoma County director; Diane Metz, Solano and Yolo counties nutrition, family and consumer science advisor and Yolo County director; and Mario Moratorio, Solano County small farm urban horticulture advisor.

Regional Change Center seeks CE collaboration

UC Davis' Center for the Study of Regional Change has been launched to bring cutting-edge research to develop responses to urban sprawl, demographic shifts, economic transformations and governance challenges in California's Central Valley and Sierra Nevada regions.

The center will serve as a forum for campus-community partnerships, inviting regional stakeholders to inform UC of research needed to address local issues and devise innovative solutions. It aims to offer solutions-oriented research and outreach to serve policy-makers, local governments, planners, land managers, nonprofit agencies, environmentalists, community activists and social service providers.

"We are looking to collaborate with Cooperative Extension," said Jonathan London, center director, "because we want to inform change at the community level throughout the region, and Cooperative Extension is active and respected in those communities."

London's research addresses issues of social equity and community participation in rural development and environmental justice.

The Center for the Study of Regional Change was originally conceived and championed by the late Ted Bradshaw, professor of human and community development, who envisioned an engaged role for the university in regional collaboration.

For more information about the center, London can be reached at (530) 752-2733 and jlondon@ucdavis.edu.

Snapshot of Acting VP activities

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

- 5/16-17 UC Regents, UCSF Mission Bay, San Francisco
- 5/21 President Dynes' Cabinet
Vice Provost-Research Coleman
ANR All Staff Meeting
- 5/22 Provost and Executive VP Hume
- 5/23-24 Senior Administrative Council
- 5/30 Agricultural Issues Center Advisory Board, Davis
- 5/31 Provost and Executive VP Hume and Vice President Hershman
Executive Council
- 6/1 Central Valley Regional Directors, Corning
- 6/4 VP-ANR Cabinet
HR Coordinating Conference Reception, Davis
- 6/5 HR Coordinating Conference, Davis
- 6/7 Bay Institute Exec Director Davis
Acting Director of Statewide Programs Frost, Sea Grant Extension Director Olin, and County Director Johns, San Francisco
- 6/11 President Dynes Cabinet
Farewell Reception for UCB CNR Dean Ludden, Berkeley
- 6/12-13 Program Council, Davis
- 6/13 Farewell Dinner for UCB CNR Dean Ludden, Berkeley
- 6/14 UC Vice Presidents

In memoriam

Edward "Rocky" Lydon

Rocky Lydon, former UC Cooperative Extension San Benito County director and farm advisor, died May 18 in Monterey. He was 89.



Born in San Mateo, Lydon earned a bachelor's degree in animal science at UC Davis, where he competed on the polo and boxing teams and served as student body president. He met his wife, Florence, while at Davis. Following his graduation, they moved to Santa Cruz in 1941 where he was an assistant farm advisor. In 1942, he joined the U.S. Navy, serving in the South Pacific. After the war, he was a sheep buyer for Armour Star, then became a livestock and range advisor in Hollister in 1951. In the 1950s, he studied rangeland development and renewal through mechanical brush removal and burning. Later in his career he was involved in multiple calving experiments. In 1961, Lydon was named San Benito County director, a post he held until he retired in 1978.

"He was one of the big influences promoting the importation of water from San Luis Reservoir to SBC and Santa Clara County which became known as the San Felipe Project," recalls Bill Coates, who was a San Benito County farm advisor during Lydon's tenure as county director. "This helped replace local well water which was both short in supply and often contaminated with high levels of boron and salts."

Lydon was elected to the San Benito County Board of Supervisors and was actively involved in the Santa Cruz County Fair, the Hollister Rotary, the San Benito County Horse Show Association and the Gavilan College Board of Trustees. He also raced sports cars and sedans in the Sport Car Club of America.

Florence and daughter Susan Kozen preceded him in death. He is survived by sister Mary Guheen of North Dakota, son Sandy and his wife Ann of Aptos, and son Stuart and his wife Tess of Pebble Beach, and three grandchildren.

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