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Dynes to tour Watsonville area

President Robert Dynes will be visiting Watsonville and Moss Landing March 22 and 23 in his continuing effort to learn more about and to let others know how UC research, development and delivery benefit Californians.

Acting VP Rick Standiford will host Dynes on the visits. In Moss Landing, they plan to meet with UC scientists and growers of leafy greens and vegetables to discuss research on preventing *E. coli* and other bacteria from contaminating crops. They also will tour the world's largest calla lily nursery, which cooperates with several UC researchers.

In Watsonville, Dynes will visit the UC Davis Strawberry Research Facility to learn about its breeding program, which has released cultivars that produce more than half of the world's strawberries.

Details about the upcoming tour will be published in the April issue of ANR Report.



Dynes will visit a calla lily producer on his next ANR tour.

UCCE Oral History Advisory Committee meets

The UCCE Oral History Advisory Committee gathered for the first time on Feb. 16, setting out to identify potential themes and potential interviewees for the Oral History Project.

Suggested themes included topics such as ANR's nutrition programs, the role of advisors in localizing information to meet local conditions and needs, responding to crises, staying "ahead of the curve," the relationship between Farm Bureau and Cooperative Extension, identification of key issues and subsequent delivery of programs and solutions, the uniqueness of focusing on the research-extension continuum, and public-private partnerships (university, industry, federal, state and county government). An impressive list of potential interviews was developed as well.

Participants in the meeting included Acting Vice President Rick Standiford;

Cindy Barber, director of development services; Charlie Crabb, manager of governmental affairs for California Farm Bureau Federation; Pat Day, facilitator and director of program planning and evaluation; Bill Frost, program leader – natural resources and animal agriculture; Vic Geraci, assistant director of the Regional Oral History Office; Sonya Varea Hammond, UCCE Monterey County director; Linda Manton, Central Valley Region director; Steve Nation, executive director of governmental and external relations; Dan Sumner, director of the Agricultural Issues Center; Fred Swanson, director of Kearney Research and Extension Center; Diane Wallace, chair of the ANR Retiree Advisory Council; and Ed Weber, UCCE Napa County director.

The committee will meet again May 3 to further discuss and refine the possible themes and interviewees.

Facilities Planning and Management role expanded

Facilities Planning and Management, which used to be part of the Research and Extension Centers' administrative office, is now a stand alone unit that reports to the assistant vice president – Administrative Services.

FPM provides professional project management of design and construction of new or remodeled facilities to support the Division's mission of education, research and outreach. FPM is also responsible for maintaining, operating and renovating the facilities, and associated physical environment. Since July 2006 the unit, under the direction of project manager Shawn Tibor, has been reporting to Christine Casey, assistant VP– Administrative Services.

FPM's responsibilities have been expanded to include all facilities and real property under the control of the Division. The unit's core responsibilities have traditionally been the nine research and extension centers, the Elkus Youth Ranch and the Hansen Agricultural Center. In addition to these responsibilities, FPM

now works closely with Administrative Services in areas such as California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), lease and easement agreements, major / minor capital improvement program, Operations and Maintenance of Plant (OMP) funding program, and assures conformance with UC policy on facilities management.

Some of the major projects FPM is currently involved with are new irrigation systems, new multipurpose / laboratory facilities, new and renovated greenhouses, and historical preservation renovations. FPM is also in the process of reviewing and updating the physical assets of the Division.

Anyone who is planning a capital activity at a facility should consult Tibor, who is designated as Building Official for ANR. Tibor and his staff are located on the Davis campus. For questions or requests for assistance on facility matters, Tibor can be reached at (530) 752-5914 or smtibor@ucdavis.edu. Luzanne Martin, facilities specialist, can be reached at (530) 752-2841 or lcmartin@ucdavis.edu.

Requests for proposals

Desert Research and Extension Center

Desert Research and Extension Center (DREC) is soliciting proposals for new and continuing research and demonstration projects for the period July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

Located on 255 acres in the Imperial Valley, DREC's primary research areas are desert agriculture, bio-energy crops, vegetable crops, field crops, alfalfa breeding, livestock environmental and feedlot management, irrigation and drainage management, plant nutrition, and pest management. To learn more about DREC, visit <http://groups.ucanr.org/desertrec/>.

The center provides labor, equipment, research facilities, and technical and management support to UC academics and to personnel from cooperating non-UC organizations, such as USDA. Approximately 12,500 hours of labor will be awarded to support approved projects.

Proposal forms can be obtained at <http://danrrec.ucdavis.edu/rec/form/index.html> and are due by **April 17**. Submit forms electronically to Debra Driskill at dldriskill@ucdavis.edu.

For questions about the research proposal process or about research opportunities, please contact Jose DeSoto, center superintendent, at (760) 356-3065, jfdesoto@ucdavis.edu; or Rick Bottoms, center director, at (760) 356-3062, rbottoms@ucdavis.edu.

Lindcove Research and Extension Center

Lindcove Research and Extension Center has acreage and other resources available for qualified research projects. These projects are not limited to citrus, and any project will be considered for inclusion in the 2007/2008 research year. Project proposal forms are due **April 13**.

Lindcove has 6.3 acres of open ground available for research -- parcels of three new areas include 2.75 acres, .8 acres and 2.75 acres. For citrus research projects, there are 2 acres of Lane Navel, 11 rootstocks, planted in 1992; 2.5 acres x 396 trees (8 mandarin/4 rootstocks), planted in 1996; .75 acre Valencia 16 strains/Troyer, planted in 1986; 2.5 acres of avocado variety planting; and 2.64 acres mandarin varieties, planted in 2003.

Available center 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 can be obtained from the Lindcove REC Web site at http://groups.ucanr.org/lindcove/Research/Research_Proposal_Forms.htm. For more information, contact principal superintendent for agriculture Kurt Schmidt at krschmidt@ucdavis.edu or (559) 592-2408, Ext. 11. Submit forms electronically to Paula Williams at pawilliams@ucdavis.edu.

Employment opportunities

Imperial County: Vegetable crops advisor

Imperial County is seeking a vegetable crops advisor. The deadline to apply is **April 23**.

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. Competency and practical experience in vegetable crops is preferred. 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, go to <http://ucanr.org/jobs.shtml#ccsj>.

To request an Academic Application packet or for questions regarding the application process, contact Debora Felix or Cheryl Gneckow at ccsracadrecruitment@ucdavis.edu or (951) 827-2529.

For details about position #ACCSO-07-03, contact Eric Natwick, county director, at etnatwick@ucdavis.edu, or Juan Guerrero, search committee chair, at jguerrero@ucdavis.edu.

Orange/Riverside counties:

Water resources/water quality advisor

Cooperative Extension is seeking a water resources/water quality advisor for Orange County (70%) and Riverside County (30%). The position will be headquartered at the Orange County office in Costa Mesa. Deadline is **April 2**.

The advisor will initiate, develop and conduct educational/research programs in the areas of water quality and natural and agricultural resources, relevant to the needs of the county and its residents. Research and extension of knowledge in watershed-related issues should specifically address pollution, such as pesticides and fertilizers originating from wholesale nurseries, agriculture, and public and private landscapes.

A master's degree is required in a field related to natural and agricultural resources such as plant science, agronomy, horticulture, hydrology, soil science, or other natural/agriculture resource-related field.

Salary is in the CE Assistant Advisor rank, commensurate with applicable experience and professional qualifications. To view the entire vacancy announcement for position #ACCSO-07-02, go to <http://ucanr.org/jobs.shtml#ccsj>.

An application packet can be requested by phone at (951) 827-2529 or by e-mail at ccsracadrecruitment@ucdavis.edu.

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Stanislaus/Madera counties: Nutrition, family and consumer sciences advisor

Stanislaus and Madera counties are seeking an advisor to conduct a county-based extension, educational and applied research program in nutrition, family and consumer sciences (NF&CS) for all ethnic and socioeconomic groups, individuals, community agencies, associations and non-profit groups. This position administers the Stanislaus County Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), will reinstate the Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FSNEP); and has cross-county responsibilities for the Merced County FSNEP Program. The advisor will be headquartered in Stanislaus County. The deadline to apply is **May 18** (open until filled).

The position requires a master's degree in one of the disciplines relevant to this position, including public health nutrition, community nutrition, or family and consumer sciences. Licensure as a Registered Dietitian is preferred.

Beginning salary will be in the CE Assistant Advisor rank, salary commensurate with experience and education. For information regarding UCCE merit and promotion procedures, please refer to the ANR Administrative Handbook, Series 300, Section 315 at <http://danr.ucop.edu/admin-handbook/300>.

If the successful candidate is currently a CE advisor, the candidate will be offered the position as a lateral transfer, retaining their current rank, step, salary, and definite or indefinite status.

Go to <http://ucanr.org/cvr.job-listing> to view the full description for position #ACV-06-03R, to learn more about the application process, and to download the ANR Academic Application form.

For more information, contact Cindy Inouye at (559) 646-6535 or cinouye@uckac.edu.

Names in the news

Harmon named Imperial County 4-H/ NFCS advisor

Mary Harmon is the new 4-H youth development/nutrition, family and consumer science advisor for Imperial County. She began her split appointment as 4-H (75%) and NF&CS (25%) advisor on March 1.



Harmon returned to UCCE after 17 years. She was a 4-H youth development advisor in Imperial County from 1978 to 1990.

Harmon earned her BA in recreational administration and a MA in education administration at San Diego State University. She earned a second MA in educational counseling at the University of Redlands. For the past 10 years, she has been an academic counselor to community college students at Imperial Valley College. She served on the Board of Directors of the 45th District Agricultural Association, and was the Imperial County Mid-Winter Fair Board President in 2002-03.

Harmon can be reached at (760) 352-9474 or mwharmon@ucdavis.edu.

Nathaniel named LA county 4-H advisor

Keith C. Nathaniel was named 4-H youth development advisor for Los Angeles County, effective March 1. Nathaniel will direct youth programs, using research-based findings; assessing youth, community and family needs



in Los Angeles County; developing curricula and annual plans; and collaborating with other local youth-serving agencies.

Since 1994, Nathaniel has served LA County as 4-H program coordinator and academic coordinator. He played a key role in developing and shaping the Teen Leadership Development Institute, a 4-H program that offers inner-city teens workshops to set goals, access college and engage in community service. Since 2002, more than 700 teens have participated in TLDI.

As an advisor, he hopes to strengthen the 4-H presence throughout the county, create a structure for urban core youth to engage

in meaningful service-oriented projects, and conduct an ethnographic study that looks at social capital among Latino and African-American communities.

"Keith brings many years of 4-H experience and strong leadership skills to the position," says Rachel Surls, county director for Los Angeles County. "Drawing on his extensive 4-H experience, he is prepared to lead an outstanding program for youth in LA County. I look forward to working with Keith in this new capacity."

Nathaniel received his doctorate in educational leadership from UCLA, a master's degree in education from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, and a bachelor's degree from UC Davis. Nathaniel can be reached at (323) 260-3845 or kcnathaniel@ucdavis.edu.

Webb-Martinez joins ANR

Katherine Webb-Martinez joined ANR's Program Planning and Evaluation Office as a principal analyst on Feb. 12. She supports divisionwide program planning activities, federal report preparation, and has responsibility for ANR program reporting systems, including the DANRIS-X and CRIS systems.



For the past 6 years, Webb-Martinez, a Master Gardener, managed garden-based agricultural, health, and environmental literacy programs at K-12 schools in Oakland. She fostered farm-to-school partnerships to bring local produce into school cafeterias. She also worked in sustainable agriculture, managing an urban garden that supplied specialty crops to restaurants and an organic Community Supported Agriculture farm. With Food First, she was part of the Sustainable Agriculture Delegation to Cuba. Over the years, professionally and academically, she has relied on many of ANR's programs for information.

Webb-Martinez, recently received a master's degree in public administration, with an emphasis on program development from San Francisco State University. She completed her undergraduate studies at UCB in Development Studies, with a focus on world agricultural systems.

Webb-Martinez can be reached at (510) 987-0029 or katherine.webb-martinez@ucop.edu.

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Starr honored by peers

Rick Starr, Sea Grant advisor for Santa Cruz and Monterey counties, received the Science/Research Award for 2006 at the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Reflections Award Ceremony in Monterey on March 2. The Science/Research Award is given to a scientist, researcher, or public servant for advancing the research goals of the sanctuary and its programs. Recipients are nominated and selected by scientists working in the central coast region from Morro Bay to Half Moon Bay.



Parrella honored by Rutgers

Michael P. Parrella, associate dean of agricultural sciences for the UCD College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and professor of entomology and environmental horticulture, has received the Emma Lausten Horticulture Award from Rutgers University in New Jersey. Parrella earned his BS degree in animal science from Rutgers' Cook College.



Parrella, who researches IPM strategies on ornamental plants with an emphasis on biological pest control, was recognized for his extensive contributions to floriculture integrated pest management.

"Dr. Parrella's efforts as a scientist and administrator have significantly assisted growers of horticultural crops," said Jerry Baron, executive director of the Interregional Research Project No. 4 (IR-4), who nominated him for the award. IR-4, headquartered at Rutgers, is a federal program that partners growers, researchers, land-grant universities, the crop protection industry, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in seeking safe and effective pest management solutions for food and ornamental crops.

Schlegel inducted into OSU Hall of Fame

David Schlegel, professor emeritus and former dean of the UCB College of Natural Resources, was honored by Oregon State University's College of Engineering during the ninth annual Oregon Stater Awards on Feb 26 in Corvallis, Ore.



The annual ceremony inducts OSU engineering alumni into three different groups based on the length of their careers and accomplishments: the Engineering Hall of Fame, the Academy of Distinguished Engineers and the Council of Outstanding Early Career Engineers.

Schlegel was inducted into the Engineering Hall of Fame, which is reserved for Oregon Staters who have made sustained and meritorious engineering and/or managerial contributions throughout their careers. Schlegel graduated from OSU with a degree in agricultural technology and later earned his PhD at UC Berkeley.

Schlegel served as chair of the UCB Plant Pathology Department from 1970 to 1976, CNR dean from 1976 to 1984, and as assistant director of the Agricultural Experiment Station. He was also chair of the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors and later at the national level, as the chair of the Experiment Station Committee for Organization and Policy. Although he retired in 1991, Schlegel served as the Western Region Coordinator for the national Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program from 1988 to 1994.

UC staff diversity council formed

President Dynes has announced the creation of a systemwide UC staff diversity council. Eugene Britt, director of ANR's affirmative action/equal opportunity, is among the members appointed by Dynes to the council.



The council will advise senior UC leaders and will work alongside the UC Diversity Study Group in setting an agenda that promotes diversity throughout the system. It will focus on a broad range of staff diversity issues, including recruitment and retention of a diverse workforce, leadership commitment to staff diversity at each location, and systems for threading diversity principles throughout the fabric of the employment experience at UC.

A similar committee was convened for the Division in August by AVP Rick Standiford. To see a list of the ANR Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee members, go to <http://ucanr.org/diversitycommittee>.

Wood named Inyo-Mono County director

Yvonne Wood is the new county director for Inyo and Mono counties. Effective Jan. 1, 2007, she succeeded Rick Delmas, who retired.



Wood moved to the county office from UC Riverside, where she had worked since 2001 as a research fellow, and then a specialist in the Department of Environmental Sciences and for the Center for Water Resources. Her research focused on developing best management practices to reduce nitrates in farm field runoff after storms; the effects of smog-delivered nitrates on native plants, invasive weeds and the water quality of forest streams; and surface water movement and soil salinity issues in the Mojave Desert.

Prior to serving as a research fellow, Wood also worked as a visiting professor, research assistant and principal administrative analyst at UCR. She has also been a research program manager and technical writer for the UC Statewide Air Pollution Research Center.

Wood earned her BA in biology and PhD in soil and water resources at UCR.

Wood can be reached at (760) 873-7855 or yawood@ucdavis.edu.

PET seeks input to improve ANR efficiency

To refine procedures in ANR, assistant vice president Christine Casey has established a committee to review current administrative procedures, collect input from academic and staff employees, and make recommendations for streamlining and improved efficiency.

ANR academics and staff may participate by contacting a member of the team or filling in a form on the Procedure Evaluation Team (PET) Web site, <http://groups.ucanr.org/pet/> (click "comments"). The Web site will document the team's progress and serves as a bulletin board for administrative "helpful hints."

PET was formed in July 2006 and meets once a month to address one or two specific administrative functions. Members are Casey, Carole Paterson, Kathy Carrington, Kim Beard, Karen

Hamner, Joni Rippee, Joann Javier and Carolyn Frazier. Catherine Montano is the facilitator. So far, the group has taken up travel reimbursements, a communications protocol, staffing lists, cost recovery and staff employee classification. At its next meeting, the team will address the grants and contract process. Future topics will include additional cost recovery, entertainment, employee orientation, employee training, recruitment and hiring, staff development and Oakland policy implementation.

The group is a recommending body and all recommendations from the group are reviewed with the Associate Vice President and Vice President prior to implementation. Input from other groups in the organization is sought as necessary.

Retiree Advisory Council holds inaugural meeting

The inaugural meeting of the ANR Retiree Advisory Council took place in Oakland on Jan. 19. VP Gomes welcomed the council and reviewed their charge to advise the Vice President in three areas: programs for retirees, communication and outreach, and advocacy.

Associate Vice President Rick Standiford and Assistant Vice President Christine Casey updated the council on their respective areas and the newly launched Cooperative Extension Oral History project and campaign.

Following lengthy discussion of their responsibilities and areas of interest and concern, the council appointed subcommittees for programs, communication and the oral history project. Already the subcommittees are at work and are developing plans for a possible retiree reunion in the fall.

The Council will meet again in early autumn.

Council members include:

Diane Wallace (chair), former UCCE San Diego County director and home economist and 4-H advisor emeritus
Jim Farley (co-vice chair), former UCCE Merced County director and livestock advisor emeritus

George Rendell (co-vice chair), former UCCE Los Angeles County director and 4-H advisor emeritus

Don Bath, dairy specialist emeritus
Jim Clawson, range specialist emeritus
Hunter Johnson, vegetable specialist emeritus

Marciel Klenk, home economist and 4-H advisor emeritus

Pete Passof, former UCCE Mendocino County director and forest advisor emeritus

Ron Tyler, former UCCE Santa Cruz County director and pomology advisor emeritus

Norma Wightman, home economist and 4-H advisor emeritus

Snapshot of VP & AVP activities

Over the past four weeks, Acting VP & Associate VP Staniford engaged in the following meetings:

- 2/16 Oral History Project Advisory Committee
- 2/21 ANR Executive Council, Provost Hume
- 2/22 Technology Tools Workshop, Davis Ag Issues Center Director Dan Sumner, Davis
- 2/26-28 Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching (CARET) Administrative Heads Section, Washington DC
- 3/2 San Mateo/San Francisco County Director Marilyn Johns, Half Moon Bay
- 3/6 Livestock and Natural Resources Tour in Tehama, Glenn and Colusa Counties with Bill Frost, Kim Rodrigues and Rick Buchner
- 3/9 UCD CAES Dean Van Alfen and Executive Associate Dean MacDonald Davis
California Secretary of Agriculture A.G. Kawamura with Steve Nation, Sacramento
- 3/12 Cooperative Extension Administrative Workgroup, Riverside
- 3/13 Program Council, Riverside
- 3/14-15 Regents' Meeting, UCLA

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First and third Monday

ANR Vice President's Cabinet

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Updated listing of Oakland-based staff on Web

An updated listing of all Oakland-based staff is now posted on the ANR directory page: <http://ucanr.org/direct.cfm> [Printable directory of Oakland ANR staff (pdf)]. The PDF document identifies each employee's unit affiliation, title, brief description of duties, and their contact information.