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Standiford appointed acting vice president

VP Gomes has appointed Associate Vice President Rick Standiford as acting vice president - agriculture and natural resources. While Gomes' last day in the office was Feb. 2, he will officially retire from UC on May 1. Standiford will serve as acting vice president in Gomes' absence until President Dynes appoints an interim vice president or a vice president - agriculture and natural resources. Deputy to the vice president Kay Harrison Taber will work with Standiford during this transition.



Rick Standiford

Gomes honored by Dynes

President Dynes hosted a retirement reception for VP Gomes in Oakland on Feb. 1 to honor and thank Gomes for his service. Several hundred UC employees attended.

Dynes noted that Gomes has served with distinction at UC since 1995, and his retirement culminates a distinguished 40-year career in the Land-Grant system. He highlighted Gomes' leadership role in UC and his many accomplishments. These included helping to establish the President's Advisory Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources, implementing a strategic planning process to ensure the Division and its programs and priorities are responsive to changing needs, and his strong commitment to research, development and delivery (R, D & D) as a primary tool for delivering science-based research results and new technologies from UC to California growers and consumers.

Dynes also thanked Gomes for hosting 10 regional tours since 2004, noting these have helped him develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for California agriculture and UC's role as the state's Land-Grant university.



Dynes presents Gomes with a retirement gift from the university.

Gomes received other honors and congratulatory letters over the past several weeks, including recognition on the House Floor by Congressman Dennis Cardoza for his service to the Land-Grant community (see [page 5](#)).

Governor releases proposed budget

The governor's proposed budget for 2007-2008 was released on Jan. 10. Under the governor's budget, UC's state-funded operating budget would increase by \$192 million, or 6.2 percent, to \$3.27 billion in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. Conversely, the overall state budget would increase by just over 1 percent.

The proposal supports the University of California's service to California by funding growth in student enrollments, proposing a major research and innovation initiative, supporting faculty and staff salary increases, and proposing an infrastructure plan for facilities, among other things. The governor's research and innovation initiative, one of the highlights of his overall budget plan, invests state funding in a number of UC research projects supporting the state's economic and environmental objectives. The initiative would support two "green technology" initiatives, support UC's bid to build a new supercomputer with uses in a wide range of fields, and provide operating funds for the California Institutes for Science and Innovation.

The Legislature will consider the governor's budget and make proposals of its own during the spring. The governor and Legislature typically adopt a final state budget in the summer. See <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2007/jan10.html> for more details on the UC budget.

Dynes tours Ventura County



Second from right, strawberry grower Ed Terry talks with Ben Faber, Dynes and Phil Phillips.



Associates Insectary's Bill Grant shows Dynes how they raise food for predator *Aphytis melinus*.



From left Harold Edwards, Phil Phillips, Larry Yee and Dynes discuss history of Limoneira.

On Jan. 26, Vice President Gomes hosted President Robert C. Dynes on day two of a regional tour designed to showcase UC academic preparation, ocean monitoring and agricultural programs in Ventura County. Dynes met with strawberry growers, lemon and avocado producers, and pest management cooperators to observe how UC is helping them to farm successfully on the urban fringe. He also was briefed on actions by UC researchers, specialists and farm advisors to help California growers deal with the after effects of the most destructive and prolonged freeze since 1949.

Dynes' first stop was in Ventura, at one of the few strawberry fields that survived the freeze. Dynes and strawberry and vegetable grower Ed Terry discussed the challenges facing farmers in the densely populated Oxnard Plain, while sampling UC developed strawberries growing on a 75-acre ranch surrounded by townhouses,

subdivisions and a youth sports complex. He listened intently as Terry, and ranch manager Andy Hoover, described how they adapt UC research on irrigation, pest management and alternatives to methyl bromide in their diversified farming operation, and their reliance on Oleg Daugovish and other Ventura County farm advisors to help them stay current.

Leaving Terry Farms, farm advisor Ben Faber took Dynes on a "windshield tour" of citrus and avocado orchards. He pointed out the wilted brown leaves and scarred fruit left in the aftermath of the early January freeze that caused nearly \$300 million in crop losses in the county. Faber has been helping growers assess the extent of fruit and tree damage and whether trees will recover. He explained that in many avocado orchards, the freeze destroyed not only fruit hanging in the tree, but buds that would have produced next year's crop.

The next stop was at Limoneira Company, a diversified grower, packer and marketer of lemons, avocados and other high quality agricultural products, near Santa Paula. Dynes and Gomes met with Limoneira President and CEO Harold Edwards and Senior Vice President Alex Teague. They toured the company's lemon sorting and packing facility and discussed international trade, food safety and security, and how Limoneira follows UC recommendations for postharvest handling of lemons to maintain fruit quality.

On a drive from Limoneira to downtown Santa Paula, Area IPM advisor Phil Phillips talked about the pest management challenges facing growers on the Oxnard Plain, especially those with operations close to housing, schools and businesses, and UC's role in developing biological controls and other low-input systems.

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Limoneira lemon sorting and packing (left) ; Alex Teague, right, describes how lemons are sorted by size and color.



Brett Chandler, left, talks about damage caused by the citrus leafminer.



Rose Hayden-Smith, right, shows Dynes around Hansen Agricultural Center.

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The final stop was at Associates Insectary, a grower-owned cooperative that has been located at the same site in Santa Paula since 1928. Associates President and General Manager Brett Chandler told Dynes that his company raises and releases beneficial insects as part of a full service pest management program treating more than 10,000 acres of citrus and avocados in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. Dynes toured the rearing sheds and greenhouses used to raise beneficial insects and their food sources, and watched a demonstration of UC developed air blowers, hydraulic oscillating booms and other equipment used to apply oils and pesticides in the orchard. Chandler noted that his company has worked with researchers from Riverside and other UC campuses for more than 70 years. He said the agricultural industry depends on the university to seek out and test new biological controls, citing our work in finding the predator *Aphytis melinus*, a tiny wasp used to combat red scale, the number one citrus pest in California.

Dynes then joined over 60 stakeholders, elected officials, and CE academics and staff for lunch at UC Hansen Agricultural Center's historic Faulkner Farm. Dynes talked about his vision for the university's future, which incorporates a greater em-

phasis on R, D & D (research, development and delivery), forming relationships with universities in other countries, and training more science and math teachers to educate the state's K-12 students. He told the gathering "the university's agricultural research programs and Cooperative Extension are the best example of R, D & D I have ever seen ... I tell that to people all over the world, every chance I get." (To read a transcript of Dynes remarks, go to <http://universityofcalifornia.edu/president/speeches/012607venturalunch.pdf>.)

After lunch, Ventura County CE director Larry Yee, and 4-H and Master Gardener advisor Rose Hayden-Smith, showed Dynes around the grounds of the Hansen Agricultural Center, pointing out the citrus and avocado variety research plots and Master Gardener demonstration gardens. Hayden-Smith explained the Master Gardener volunteers' role in providing guidance for students tending Ventura County's 70-plus school gardens, and opportunities for UC to help the state in evaluating the impact of school gardens on nutritional awareness and healthy eating habits of students.

An unexpected end-of-visit highlight for Dynes and Gomes, both vintage car buffs, was the chance to drive a rare 1918 Marmon 34 touring car around the Faulkner Farm property.



Historic Faulkner Farm (top), Dynes speaks at luncheon (center), Gomes takes the Marmon for a spin (bottom).

Employment opportunities

Internal search for Human Resources, Natural Resources/Animal Agriculture program leaders begins

Acting Vice President Rick Standiford has announced that searches are under way to select two new ANR program leaders – one for natural resources and animal agriculture (#PL02-07) and the second for human resources (#PL01-07).

For the past eight years, Bill Frost has served as natural resources and animal agriculture program leader and Karen Varcoe has filled the role for human resources. Both have served in the positions well beyond their original three-year terms and three-year reappointment terms.

"It will be hard to fill their shoes," Standiford said. "I would like to move forward with these searches as quickly as possible so that new program leaders can begin by July 1."

Each of these appointments will be a 0.75 FTE assignment for an anticipated term of three years, beginning July 1, with the possibility of renewal. The appointee will maintain a concurrent ANR academic appointment related to the program area. Compensation will be at the appointee's current rank and step plus an annual stipend of \$10,000. The appointee will remain housed at the location of his/her ANR academic position.

Program leaders provide leadership and advocacy for integrated research and extension programs that address high priority needs of Californians.

Applicants must demonstrate an ability to provide effective leadership in program planning, budgeting, and personnel

management of a large, complex academic institution. A Ph.D. or other terminal degree in a subject matter associated with the program area is strongly preferred.

This is an internal recruitment limited to current ANR academic appointees. Applicants must submit a cover letter, ANR academic application form, and a curriculum vitae via e-mail to GERALYN UNTERBERG at geralyn.unterberg@ucop.edu. Please include the position number as listed above.

Complete position descriptions and academic application forms can be found at <http://ucanr.org/jobs.shtml>. Review of applications will begin March 30.

Nominations for both positions are encouraged and can be e-mailed to GERALYN UNTERBERG at geralyn.unterberg@ucop.edu.

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Central Valley Region:

Area IPM vertebrate pest management advisor

The Central Valley Region is recruiting an integrated pest management advisor to conduct an educational and applied research program in vertebrate pest management (wildlife damage management) in the 16 counties of the Central Valley Region. The position is responsible for providing research-based information to assist clientele to solve human-wildlife conflicts regarding diverse resources (emphasis on agriculture, but including natural resources, landscaping, human health & safety). The position will be based at Kearney Research & Extension Center in Parlier.

The advisor is programmatically responsible to the director of the Statewide IPM Program and has reporting responsibilities to the regional director for the Central Valley Region.

Qualified applicants must have a master's degree in wildlife management, conservation biology, ecology, integrated pest management, natural resources management, or a closely related field with course work in pest management, pesticides / toxicology, and IPM technologies. Field experience and or course work in bird, rodent, or predator management are highly desirable.

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

To be considered for position ACV 06-07, applicants must submit a cover letter, ANR academic application form, including a list of potential references, curriculum vitae and college transcripts. The full description for position ACV 06-07 and the ANR academic application form can be obtained at <http://ucanr.org/cvr.joblisting>.

To submit the application packet or to request a UC ANR academic application form, contact Cindy Inouye at (559) 646-6535, cinouye@uckac.edu or 9240 S. Riverbend Ave., Parlier, CA 93648. To assure full consideration, application packets must be received by **April 6** (open until filled).

Colusa County:

Rice farming systems advisor

Colusa County is recruiting for a farm advisor to conduct a county-based extension, educational and applied research program in rice farming systems, with cross county assignments in Glenn and Yolo counties. The deadline for applications is **March 30** (or opened until filled).

A master's degree is required in agronomy or other crop sciences, including pest management, environmental sciences, or agricultural engineering with a strong emphasis on agronomy.

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

The full vacancy announcement for position #ACV 06-08 and required academic application are available at <http://ucanr.org/cvr.joblisting>.

For more information, contact Cindy Inouye at cinouye@uckac.edu, (559) 646-6535 or UCCE Central Valley Region, 9240 S. Riverbend Ave., Parlier, CA 93648.

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 agriculture 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.

San Bernardino County:

4-H youth development advisor

San Bernardino County CE is recruiting for a 4-H youth development advisor. The position will establish short- and long-term educational program and research goals/objectives that address needs of the county and youth staff, volunteer leaders/extenders, and interested individuals for a comprehensive county 4-H youth development program. Closing date is **March 12**.

A master's degree is required in education or another topic related to youth development. Additional requirements are work-related experience in a youth development education or non-profit setting—preferably in low-income and/or urban youth populations, and experience in conducting applied research. Prior experience in supervision, budget management, and fundraising is preferred.

Salary is in the CE Assistant Advisor Rank, commensurate with education and relevant experience. The full position description can be viewed at <http://ucanr.org/jobdescript/4-HSanBernardino.pdf>. The academic application form can be downloaded in PDF format from <http://ccsr.ucdavis.edu/>.

Request an application packet by e-mail at ccsracadrecruitment@ucdavis.edu or phone (951) 827-2529.

For further questions regarding position #ACCSO-06-05-R, contact Steve Dasher, search committee chair, at hsdasher@ucdavis.edu; or Nyles Peterson, county director at ngpeterson@ucdavis.edu.

Tuolumne/Mariposa counties:

NF&CS advisor

North Coast and Mountain Region is seeking a nutrition, family and consumer sciences advisor for Tuolumne and Mariposa counties. The position will be headquartered in the Tuolumne County office. In addition, this position will administer the Tuolumne and Mariposa County Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FSNEP) and support other existing CE programs in the area of expertise. Deadline for applications is **April 6**.

This NF&CS advisor will have cross-county responsibility in Mariposa County. It's anticipated that 40 to 50 percent of their program will be conducted in this county.

A minimum of a master's degree in one of the disciplines relevant to the duties and responsibilities of this position, including Public Health Nutrition, Community Nutrition, or Family and Consumer Sciences, is required.

Beginning salary will be in the CE Assistant Advisor rank, salary commensurate with experience and education. To view the full position description, go to <http://ucanr.org/jobdescript/NFCSTuolumne2.pdf>. The academic application form can be downloaded at <http://ucanr.org/jobs.shtml>.

Direct all inquiries regarding position vacancy #ANCM 07-01 to Pam Tise at pdttise@ucdavis.edu.

Gomes honored with congressional resolution

The following resolution appeared in the Congressional Record on Feb. 5:
TRIBUTE TO W.R. "REG" GOMES -- (Extensions of Remarks - February 05, 2007)
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Speech of **HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA** of California in the House of Representatives

- Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to W.R. "Reg" Gomes, who is retiring with distinction as Vice President, Agriculture and Natural Resources, for the University of California.
- Over the past four decades, Reg has dedicated his life to the land-grant university missions of teaching, research and public service. He has mentored hundreds of current agricultural leaders from his early career as a professor at The Ohio State University, then as the Dean of Agriculture at the University of Illinois and finally in his home state to which he returned 11 years ago to lead the vast and varied agricultural education, science and Cooperative Extension programs of the University of California.
- The grandson of immigrants from the Azores of Portugal, Reg was raised in the hard working dairy farming culture of California's Central Valley. This early appreciation for farming life led Reg to California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo) to study animal science. Reg and his brother became the first in their family to graduate from college. Reg went on to earn a master's degree from Washington State University and a Ph.D. from Purdue University. This is an impressive collection of degrees for a young man from a small dairy farm in the small town of Hanford, California and it was the beginning of a remarkable academic career.
- As an internationally recognized scientist and educator, Reg has been a leading voice on several prominent State and national boards, including the Farm Foundation Agricultural Round Table, the California State Board of Food and Agriculture, the California Farm Bureau Federation Board and the Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources of the National Research Council, which he currently chairs.
- As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, I am particularly proud that California is the Nation's leading agricultural state with nearly \$30 billion in sales coming from over 88,000 farms which produce 350 different commodities. These impressive statistics are due in large part to the innovative spirit of California farmers who are usually the first to use new technologies and science-based farming practices, and it is our state's great land-grant university--the University of California--and leaders like Reg Gomes whom we have to thank for much of our farming successes.
- Madam Speaker, it is my honor to offer these words in tribute to my friend Reg Gomes and to wish him and his wife Anne a wonderful next phase of their lives.

ANR associate editors needed

Advisor, specialist or faculty in the subject areas of pest management, 4-H youth development, postharvest biology and technology, or agronomy and range sciences, are needed for ANR peer review. Recruitment is now under way for new ANR associate editors in those subject areas.

Associate editors are nominated by the Communications Advisory Board and appointed by the associate vice president to manage the technical peer-review process for ANR educational materials. In doing so, associate editors ensure that the content of ANR publications and videos is as scientifically accurate and timely as possible. Associate editors also encour-

age authors to write new and revise older publications and serve as a link between ANR Communication Services and the Division's programs. With their efforts, associate editors significantly contribute to the quality of extension and outreach programs statewide.

Beginning July 1, associate editors will be needed in pest management to replace Mary Louise Flint, 4-H youth development to replace Ann Brosnahan, postharvest biology and technology to replace Elizabeth Mitcham and in agronomy and range sciences to replace Douglas Munier. The associate editor terms will be four years.

To nominate yourself or a colleague for associate editor in one of the above subject

areas, please provide the following information by **April 16** to Leslie (Bees) Butler, 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. Butler's e-mail address is ljbutler@ucdavis.edu and mail address is Agricultural and Resource Economics, One Shields Avenue, UC Davis, CA 95616.

For more information, contact Ann Senuta, publications manager at (530) 297-4447, aesenuta@ucdavis.edu; or Joe Grant, associate editor chair, at (209) 468-2085, jagrant@ucdavis.edu.

Names in the news

Cooksey named interim CNAS dean

Don Cooksey has been named interim dean for UCR College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, effective March 12. Cooksey, CNAS executive associate dean, will be filling in as dean until a replacement is named for Steven Angle. Angle accepted the position of provost at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Angle has been dean of CNAS since 2001.



Swain joins Marin CE

Steven Swain has been named environmental horticulture advisor for Marin County, effective Feb. 26.



Since 2002 Swain has been a research specialist studying sudden oak death in Matteo Garbelotto's forest pathology and mycology lab at UC Berkeley. He has conducted research on control of *Phytophthora ramorum* (the causal agent of sudden oak death) through composting and chemical treatment, susceptibility of various native plants to *P. ramorum*, and the role of California bay laurel in the spread of the pathogen. Prior to working on campus, he served a year as the UCCE Sudden Oak Death Project coordinator in Sonoma County.

Swain earned a BA in Biology at UC Santa Cruz, then worked for several years in the commercial arboriculture industry before obtaining an MS in Horticulture and Agronomy at UC Davis.

After Feb. 26, Swain will be reachable at (415) 499-4207. His e-mail address will be assigned later.

Roncoroni joins Napa CE

John Roncoroni will join Napa County CE as a weed science advisor on March 1.

He is currently field research director for UCD's IR-4 Field Research Center, where he has worked since 2002. From 1985 to 2002, Roncoroni was a weed science

staff research associate. He has studied methyl bromide alternatives for cut flower production, weed control in turf and ornamentals, and weed management in several crops, on rangeland, and in forests.

Roncoroni earned his BS in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning and MS in Horticulture at UC Davis.

After March 1, Roncoroni can be reached at (707) 253-4221 and jaroncoroni@ucdavis.edu.



Wilén wins weed excellence award

IPM Advisor Cheryl Wilén received the "Award of Excellence" from the California Weed Science Society (CWSS) at their 59th annual meeting in San Diego recently.



The CWSS award is one of two excellence awards given annually to weed scientists or weed practitioners for an entire body of work, rather than a single achievement. The award has been in existence for more than 20 years.

Bee experts bestow rare honor on Mussen

UC Davis apiculturist Eric Mussen has received the American Association of Professional Apiculturists' Award for Apicultural Excellence for his bee industry leadership and apicultural research publications.



Mussen received the coveted award, presented only four times over the last two decades, at the AAPA's January conference in Phoenix.

Colleagues nominating Mussen for the award praised him for his "excellent apiculture leadership in a state that leads

the nation in acres of insect-pollinated crops. He has published a diverse array of extension publications, and his monthly newsletter is a widely read source of information."

AAPA is comprised of university and USDA honey bee researchers, extension apiculturists and state apiarists.

Hanson honored by Irrigation Institute

Blaine R. Hanson, UC Davis irrigation and drainage specialist, has been honored as "Irrigation Person of the Year" by the California Irrigation Institute. Hanson received the award at the Institute's 45th annual meeting at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento on Jan. 22. The annual award recognizes persons who have made outstanding contributions to irrigation technology, practices and education. Hanson received the award for major contributions in all three categories over his career.



Governor appoints Nakamura, Sperling to state boards

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has named Gary Nakamura (top), CE Forestry Specialist and Co-director of the Center for Forestry, to the Forestry and Fire Protection Board; and UC Davis transportation expert Daniel Sperling (bottom) to the California Air Resources Board.

In January, the Schwarzenegger administration appointed Sperling co-leader of a team of UC researchers assigned to writing a low-carbon fuel standard for California.



Gary Nakamura



Daniel Sperling

Snapshot of VP & AVP activities

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

- 12/20 Provost Hume
- 1/3-7 Farm Fdn Roundtable, Puerto Rico
- 1/8 Mtg and tour with Dean John Fernandez-Vanderve, Univ of Puerto Rico
- 1/16 President Dynes
- 1/17-18 UC Regents, UCSF Mission Bay
- 1/19 ANR Retiree Council
- 1/23 UC Education Deans and Directors via videoconference; Presentation on Coop Ext Central Vly CD's Mtg, Modesto
- 1/25-26 President Dynes' Tour of Ventura Co
- 2/14-15 100th Anniv of Citrus Exp Stn, UCR

President's Cabinet
– every Monday

UC Vice Presidents' Cabinet with the President
– twice monthly

ANR Vice President's Cabinet
– first and third Monday

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

- 12/18 UCD CAES Dean Neal Van Alfen and Exec Associate Dean MacDonald, Davis; UCD Vet Med Ext Associate Dean Don Klingborg and Vet Med Ext Specialist Martin Smith, Davis
- 12/21 Water Resources Center Archives Librarian Linda Vida, Berkeley; UCB Water Center Directors Yoram Rubin and Dave Sunding, Berkeley
- 1/4 UCD Entomology Dept Faculty, Davis
- 1/9 Coop Ext Administrative Working Group, La Jolla; UCSD Sea Grant Director Russell Moll, Sea Grant Ext Prog Director Paul Olin, and Prog Leader Bill Frost, La Jolla
- 1/9-10 Program Council, La Jolla
- 1/11-13 Western Extension Farm Management Group, Kona, Hawaii
- 1/17-18 UC Regents, UCSF Mission Bay
- 1/19 ANR Retiree Council; UC CARET Representative Dan Dooley
- 1/23 Central Valley Region CD, Modesto
- 1/25-26 President Dynes' Tour of Ventura Co
- 2/1 Retirement Reception for VP Gomes ANR Exec & Prog Council Dinner, Berkeley
- 2/2 UC-DC Sr Legislative Dir John Hamilton
- 2/6-7 ANR Regional Directors and Prog Council, Davis
- 2/8 California Commodity Committee; UCD CAES Dean Van Alfen and Exec Associate Dean MacDonald, Davis
- 2/13 UCB CNR Dean Paul Ludden, Berkeley
- 2/14-15 UCR Centennial Banquet and Symposium, Riverside

Hopland REC calls for proposals

The Hopland Research and Extension Center seeks research project proposals for the period June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008. Proposals are due electronically to Jane Rohrbough, Office Manager jhrohrbough@ucdavis.edu by **April 1**.

The Center encompasses more than 5,300 acres of oak woodland, grassland, and chaparral rangeland in southeastern Mendocino County. It presently supports a diverse mix of projects in subjects that include animal science, range management, wildlife ecology, entomology and epidemiology, pest management, viticulture, and natural resources management.

New projects utilizing the Center's laboratory, greenhouse, resident sheep flock of 600 breeding ewes, 2-acre cabernet vineyard, wild black-tailed deer herd, non-native wild turkeys, or irrigated pasture (suitable for winegrape vineyard development) are specifically encouraged. The Center expects to provide in excess of 2,500 hours of labor to support approved projects during this coming cycle.

For more information and proposal forms, visit the Center's Web site at http://danrec.ucdavis.edu/hopland/home_page.html, or contact Center Director Robert Timm at (707) 744-1424 or rtimm@ucdavis.edu.

Sea Grant seeks research proposals

The California Sea Grant College Program is soliciting preliminary proposals for projects to begin Feb. 1, 2008. Faculty and academic staff members from universities and research institutions throughout California are invited to apply.

Preliminary proposals are due online through the California Sea Grant Web site by **March 15**. Detailed preliminary proposal instructions are online at <http://www.csgc.ucsd.edu>.

For 2006-2010, California Sea Grant is focusing on the following new integrated themes: healthy marine ecosystems; sustainable resource use; sustainable coastal communities; new technologies; and education, training and public information.

Mosquito Research Program seeks grant proposals

The statewide UC Mosquito Research Program is seeking grant proposals on mosquito control.

UC faculty members with principal investigator status are invited to apply. Approximately \$300,000 is available. Categories are chemical control methods, including application technology; mosquito biology and ecology; integrated pest management, including biological control; and public health.

A technical committee will evaluate the proposals for scientific merit and relevance to problems associated with the control of mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases of public health significance.

Principal investigators will each present a 15-minute program describing their proposal at the annual Grant Proposal Presentation Day, May 22 in the Mission Inn in Riverside.

More information on the grant process is available on the UCMRP Web site at <http://www.ucmrp.ucdavis.edu/research/requestforproposals.html>, or by contacting administrative assistant Nancy Dullum at (530) 752-6983 or nadullum@ucdavis.edu. Proposals are due by 5 p.m., **April 2** in 396 Briggs Hall on the UC Davis campus.

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