Dear colleagues,

Next week many of us will gather in Sacramento at UC ANR’s Joint Strategic Initiatives Conference. I am looking forward to this opportunity for us to review what UC ANR has accomplished in the Strategic Initiatives and to discuss where we go from here.

Working closely with internal and external stakeholders, UC ANR developed a Strategic Vision to guide its research and extension efforts to meet the needs of this growing state through 2025. For the past six years, this strategic plan has aligned UC ANR well with the mission of the UC system and offered a strong platform from which to address the challenges and opportunities facing California.

At the conference, we’ll get to hear from our UC ANR academic colleagues about their most recent research and outreach programs benefiting Californians and the policy impacts of UC ANR programs.

I look forward to discussing the future of our Division with you in the days ahead.

Glenda Humiston
Vice President

Read the executive summary of ANR’s Strategic Vision 2025.

Names in the News

- Fox named HR executive director
- Farrar named UC IPM director
- Roche named rangeland specialist
- Rijal named area IPM advisor
- Fabregas to lead 4-H Diversity and Expansion
- Keams named CIWR academic coordinator

John Fox
**Employment opportunities**

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**UC ANR Joint Strategic Initiative Conference**

The [2015 UC ANR Joint Strategic Initiative Conference](http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=15630) will be held Oct. 5-7 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento.

UC Cooperative Extension advisors, UC Cooperative Extension specialists, Agricultural Extension Station faculty, program directors, academic coordinators and programmatic staff are encouraged to attend.

At last count, 350 people had registered to attend. The lunch on Tuesday with President Napolitano and VP Humiston is near capacity. If you have not registered, but are going to attend, please register now at [http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=15630](http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=15630).

Professional portraits will be taken at the conference. If you would like to have your photo taken, see Ray Lucas or Evett Kilmartin in the ballroom foyer between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Monday. Electronic photo files will be emailed to you.

If you plan to attend the Sustainable Food Systems SI meeting, please bring a laptop or tablet.

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