



A MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT ALLEN-DIAZ



Dear friends:

It has been an incredible year for the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Early in the year, we hosted the ANR Statewide Conference and Global Food Systems Forum. More than 650 faculty and staff attended, with people from more than 40 countries listening and participating in online discussions on how science, policy and practice can come together to solve the problem of feeding 9 billion people safe, affordable and nutritious food while sustaining our natural resources. We then focused on how UC and ANR, through Cooperative Extension (CE) and the Agriculture Experiment Station (AES), can target resources to address the complex set of issues involved in solving this problem. In response, we have started focusing our competitive grant resources, extending our collaborations, and exploring ways to bring together our excellent, but often disparate, research and extension academics and programs.

In the mid-year, we saw some economic relief for our unrepresented staff with a 3% raise, and a 2% raise for academics. We were able to provide professional development funds, and stabilize Program Representative funding for now. Following a series of statewide dialogue sessions supported by UC ANR leaders and led by the Academic Assembly Council's Partnership to Advance Cooperative Extension (PACE), we received the Committee report and moved to either sustain ongoing efforts or implement new efforts, such as travel funds for our CE Specialists, in response to recommendations from the year-long effort.

Throughout the year, we hired 44 new CE Advisors and Specialists. This excellent group is the future of CE in ANR and come from a cross-section of disciplines and experiences. We also hired many, many new staff in fields as varied as accounting, nutrition

and personnel. I know that our academics could not do the excellent research and outreach work that they do without the talented, professional and deeply committed staff that we have in ANR. Thank you to all. This year, I was also able to realize my vision of consolidating the ANR staff and programs, from six different buildings in and around Davis, under one roof. Utilizing the unprecedented opportunity of a depressed real estate market, we purchased 2801 Second Street in Davis, which was an old, barn-like roller hockey rink. We began planning for its transformation to a modern, LEED-certified, beautiful, functional office space. With construction and transformation of the building complete, we moved in early November. Just nine months from beginning dreams to implementing the move. It was an incredible feat that took an inordinate amount of coordination and teamwork in a short amount of time, and the final result is wonderful. Congratulations and thank you to all involved!

In mid-November, I had the opportunity to talk to our new UC President, Janet Napolitano, about the Division. (*Continued on Page 2*)

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We also hosted the President and the President's Advisory Commission in our new space. We produced a briefing paper for President Napolitano that we shared with UC senior leaders and PAC members. The briefing can be found at <http://ucanr.edu/sites/anrstaff/files/178459.pdf>. In early December, we brought together staff from Kearney BOC, ANR Oakland and ANR Second Street to meet one another, many for the first time face-to-face. With small and large conference facilities at Second Street, we will be able to hold many future staff and program meetings.

All the while, relevant, applied research was conducted on the campuses and throughout the state, and programs were delivered to clientele that helped to make a positive difference in California communities. County Directors, CE Advisors and Specialists, and staff continued to demonstrate the importance of UC ANR programs and their relevance to our local communities. One multi-county partnership (MCP), Fresno-Madera, came to fruition. UC Path, both an enormous commitment of time and energy and the single most important opportunity to bring business operations efficiency to ANR, engaged dozens of our folks in long and detailed meetings to ensure that our path forward is a successful one.

It has been a great year, full of achievements made by individuals in their programs, and collectively for the Division. As always, it has been a great pleasure working with all of you. I look forward to the New Year in which we will celebrate UC Cooperative Extension: 100 years of drawing on local expertise to conduct agricultural, environmental, economic, youth development and nutrition research that helps California businesses and communities thrive.

Happy Holidays!

UCCE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS IN MAY 2014



May 8, 2014 will mark the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act by President Woodrow Wilson, thereby creating a network of scientists to live and work in communities to solve economic, agricultural, environmental, nutrition, and youth development issues. Now, one hundred years later, our advisors and specialists

continue to impact the lives of Californians every day.

Numerous activities and events are being planned throughout the state.

A Day of Science and Service: Citizen Science

On Thursday, May 8, 2014, each UCCE Office, REC and UC campus will be asked to participate in a Day of Science and Service, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever legislation. Activities will be designed around UC ANR-wide citizen science projects. Easy-to-answer questions that align with ANR's strategic initiative areas will be developed and announced, and citizens of all ages will be encouraged to participate in at least one activity. Citizens will be able to submit their responses to questions via computer-based or mobile applications. After the Day of Science and Service, the data will be tabulated, analyzed, and shared with participants. Our strategic initiative leaders and others are currently formulating simple and easy-to-tabulate questions. Some examples might include: How many minutes did you spend in the shower today? How many pollinators can you count in your front yard, schoolyard, or community park?

UCCE Centennial: History Library

Please share information about your part in the UCCE journey with the Centennial History Committee. You are invited and highly encouraged to share your stories about our history and accomplishments. The Committee is particularly interested in the people and the issues they worked on. You may also share photographs and documents. If you have photographs and documents you can share, please try to provide as much information as possible (such as who, what, when and where). These may be shared by having them scanned or digitized by visiting an online survey at <http://ucanr.edu/history>. Alternatively, you may visit your local Cooperative Extension Office for assistance. If you need more information or assistance, please contact Jim Sullins at jlsullins@ucanr.edu or at (559) 684-3309.

Local UCCE Celebrations

Many Cooperative Extension Offices are planning centennial celebrations this year, or in the centennial anniversary year that their County Cooperative Extension Office was established. In September 2013, UCCE Humboldt County celebrated its first 100 years; anticipating the Federal legislation that would create Coop-

erative Extension, UC opened its first Cooperative Extension office in Humboldt County, a year before the legislation was signed. Watch for events in your County.

UCCE Centennial Website: Coming Soon

A website with information about the UCCE Centennial, our history and planned events, is being developed and will "go live," soon. Check the ANR website for more: <http://ucanr.edu>

NEW ANR BUILDING: 2801 Second Street, Davis

In November 2013, more than 150 Davis-based ANR Administration employees, previously located in various offices in Davis and on campus, moved into a new home. The building, a former indoor roller hockey rink, was renovated to provide office and meeting space to meet the needs of our employees. Flexible conference facilities provide seating for as many as 200 people. The building meets LEED Certified Interior standards.

Oakland-based staff did not move to the Second Street facility.



ANR Family News

Personal messages from members of the ANR family

Bill Weitkamp (farm advisor in San Mateo County 1964-1968 and San Luis Obispo County 1969-1999)

recently wrote that he has developed and presented various PowerPoint presentations on historical subjects and travels with his wife Sally. Sally's family connections to early California history through Don Pedro (Pierre) Sainsevain have been the most interesting. Sainsevain sailed from France in 1839 to work on a vineyard estate in present-day downtown Los Angeles owned by his uncle, Jean-Louis Vignes, the first commercial winemaker in California. In 1848, Don Pedro joined the gold rush and started Don Pedro Bar, a bustling mining village on the Tuolumne River which was flooded by Don Pedro dams in 1923 and 1971. He acquired a Mexican land grant near Santa Cruz, was a delegate to the California Constitutional Convention of 1869 and built the first state capital in San Jose, where the state legislature met in 1850 and 1851. His son, Paul Sainsevain, married Sally's great aunt, Lillian Ebeling, the daughter of a San Francisco jeweler. Bill also developed a presentation on the Modoc Indian War of 1872, which occurred on the shores of Tule Lake, California, where Bill grew up. These slide shows are available by email: bill-weitkamp@yahoo.com.

Dan Marcum still lives in the Fall River Valley in Eastern Shasta County. Retirement to Dan means more time as a better volunteer with American Legion, Rotary, and Church and more travel to North Carolina with spouse, Debbie, to visit their daughter and son-in-law. He enjoys conversation with growers and PCA's and notes the best perk of retirement is library access. His Emeritus work plan follows and helps with ongoing UC research projects in the community.

Jim Clawson wrote in: I was the first Chair of the Polk Extension Citizen Advisory Network as we embarked on this new relationship between the County and OSU Extension. This led to my appointment as the Polk county representative on the statewide Extension Citizen Advisory Committee. So you can see I have switched much of my focus to Oregon State University Extension and much less to dear old UC. After all, we have been residing in Dallas, Oregon now for 15 years.

Mel George and I are in the final stages of completing a "History of University of California Rangeland Programs". We tried to do justice to past activities in re-

search, extension education and teaching. Hopefully this will be a contribution to the centennial celebration. We enjoy travel within the Pacific Northwest and keep busy with many local volunteer efforts.

George Goldman has been the treasurer of the UC Berkeley Emeriti Association for 5 years, and is still playing softball. He was 11 for 21 (on-base average) for the month of September, 2013, and our team made the playoffs.

Franz R. Kegel joined the San Joaquin County Farm and Home Advisors office in May of 1958 as a Field and Lab Assistant. In 1961 he became a Farm Advisor with responsibilities for 4-H and Field Crops. He retired in 1961 and continues to live in Stockton with his wife Bernie. Bernie was a 4-H Home Advisor in Stockton when they married.

Norma and Peter Wightman sent in this update—



Guinness Brewery 10/2013

As usual the Wightmans have been on the move with a big fall trip overseas to Ireland to see Glen & Elaine in their new home near Ballybunion. We're sure the neighbors are talking about all that glass, but the house faces south, has passive solar heating and was warm during all our rainy days. A trip to windy Mizzenhead (the most SW point in Ireland) was a highlight.

Then on to Tanzania for a 12-day safari with Paul and Katie joining us. We have never been so close to wild-life in any other part of Africa. Our big wish was to see leopards and our dream was fulfilled by seeing three in one tree, directly over a picnic site—needless to say, no one was picnicking that day! Big cats were everywhere—lion sex, lion kills, cheetah chases-- it all unrolled before us like a National Geographic special.

At one point a young leopard leapt down on the picnic table itself. We traveled in two safari vans with great guides and slept in tent cabins in the Serengeti. We also enjoyed Ngorongoro Crater for the sweeping open plains with masses of zebra, wildebeest and other antelope. Did we mention a pride of 18 lions of various ages lazing about and elephants galore plus hyenas outside our tents at night?

Katie and I tried balancing roofing material on our heads in a Maasai village—not too successfully and Paul did weight lifting with Cape Buffalo horns to keep in shape. It was a great trip.

On the return home we stopped over in Amsterdam, the city of our fateful meeting 47 years ago, and revisited a few favorite spots. Then we were homeward bound and getting ready for the holidays.

It has been a healthy year full of friendships, family and fun. Who can ask for more? We wish you and yours good health and happiness in the year ahead.

Awards

Jim Clawson was one of the recipients of the 2013 OSU Extension Service Cooperator Award for his efforts in passing a ballot measure to form an Extension Tax District in Polk County, Oregon and follow up activities in the county.

Franz R. Kegel, Farm Advisor Emeritus, was inducted into the San Joaquin County Agricultural Hall of Fame at a Dinner on October 17, 2013.

TRANSITIONS

Recently Retired

Dan Drake – UCCE advisor in Siskiyou County

Richard Enfield – UCCE director and 4-H youth development advisor in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties

Lucrecia Farfan-Ramirez – UCCE director in Alameda County

Pam Geisel – Director of UC Statewide Master Gar-

dener Program

Ali Harivandi – UCCE environmental and horticultural advisor for Alameda, Contra Costa and Santa Clara counties

Manuel Jimenez – UCCE small farms advisor in Tulare County

Scott Johnson – UCCE specialist in pomology at UC Davis, based at UC Kearney Agricultural REC

Marshall W. Johnson – UCCE specialist and research entomologist in the Department of Entomology at UC Riverside, based at Kearny Agricultural REC

Kris Lynn-Patterson – Geographic information systems academic coordinator

Peggy Michel – deputy to the assistant vice president for Business Operations

Doug Munier – UCCE advisor in agronomy in Glenn, Butte, Tehama and Kern Counties

Julie Newman – UCCE floriculture and nursery crops advisor in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

Vito Polito – professor in the Department of Plant Sciences at UC Davis

Ellie Rilla – UCCE community development advisor in Marin County

Janet White – Executive editor of California Agriculture

New ANR Appointments

Rob Bennaton joined ANR as UCCE director in Alameda and Contra Costa counties and UCCE advisor for urban agriculture in the Bay Area, effective September 4, 2013.

Andrew Besson joined ANR Development Services as a development associate, as of August 12, 2013

Virginia Bolshakova was hired September 9, 2013 as

area 4-H youth development advisor and director for UCCE San Mateo and San Francisco counties and Elkus Ranch.

Sandy Derby has joined ANR as the academic coordinator of the new UC Cooperative Extension Project Learning Tree program, as of April 15, 2013.

Helene Dillard joined UC Davis as dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, effective January, 2014.

Missy Gable is the new director of the Statewide Master Gardener Program, effective June 3, 2013.

Faith Kearns joined ANR as a water policy analyst for the California Institute for Water Resources, in March, 2013.

Julia Van Soelen Kim joined UCCE on October 9, 2013 as an area food systems advisor serving Marin, Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino counties.

Igor Lacan joined UCCE on June 18, 2013 as environmental horticulture advisor for the San Francisco Bay Area.

Maggie Leung joined ANR on October 21, 2013 as UC Path Project Manager.

Bruce Linquist was hired as a UCCE rice specialist in the Department of Plant Sciences at UC Davis on July 1, 2013.

Mark Lundy has joined UCCE as the agronomy advisor in Colusa, Sutter and Yuba counties, effective June 28, 2013.

Maurice Pitesky joined the UC Davis Department of Population Health and Reproduction in March as a Cooperative Extension assistant specialist for poultry health and food safety epidemiology.

Tameka Primm joined the Staff Personnel Unit as an HR analyst IV, effective March 18, 2013.

Sana Ramzan joined the Staff Personnel Unit on March 19, 2013. She will work in HR as an Analyst II.

Mary Roberts joined ANR Staff Personnel Unit on April 24, 2013 as a human resource analyst.

Drusilla Rosales has joined UCCE as a nutrition, family and consumer science advisor for Los Angeles and Orange counties, effective June, 2013.

Christopher Smith joined UCCE on August 26, 2013 as director for Ventura County and director of Hansen REC.

Teresa Soito joined the Budget and Resource Management team as a manager – budget & resource planning financial analyst V, effective June 17, 2013.

Katherine Soule has joined UCCE as an advisor and will lead the 4-H Youth Development Program and UC CalFresh Nutrition Education Program in the Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.

Alex Souza was named as a UCCE dairy advisor in Kern and Tulare counties, effective September 3, 2013.

Jeff Stackhouse joined ANR in November, 2013 as a UCCE livestock and natural resources advisor for Humboldt and Del Norte counties.

Kristen Stenger joined UCCE on August 5, 2013. She will be working in Fresno and Madera counties as an area nutrition, family and consumer sciences advisor.

Debbie Thompson has been named the new managing editor for California Agriculture Journal.

Kris Tollerup was hired October 15, 2013 as an area integrated pest management entomology advisor in the San Joaquin Valley.

Guangyao “Sam” Wang was named director of the Desert Research and Extension Center and UCCE specialist for vegetable crops, effective May 13.

Jing Yu was hired as a Principal Accountant on the Financial Services team, effective August 26, 2013.

In Memoriam

Bill Dost – UCCE specialist emeritus in forestry, passed away May 26. He was 82.

Alexander Gibson – UCCE advisor emeritus, died at the age of 91 on July 18, 2013.

Birgit Hempel – former administrative assistant for the Small Farms program and long time 4-H volunteer, passed away on February 9, 2014. Birgit was 91 years of age.

Olivia Thebus – UCCE family & consumer science advisor emeritus in Alameda County, died in Saratoga on June 26, 2013. She was 93.

Ben French, professor emeritus in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at UC Davis, passed away August 23, 2013 at the age of 90.

Donald L. Bath, UCCE specialist emeritus, passed away on October 26, 2013, at the age of 81.

Dorothy Wenck, died on May 5, 2013. She was a long-time employee of UC Extension in Orange County.

Stephen Carlson, former irrigation specialist and assistant state director of the Ag Extension Service died at age 94 in Davis in November, 2013.

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