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TO: PRUNE WORKGROUP MEMBERS

ASSOCIATE DEANS

FROM: **Franz Niederholzer**

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RE: Call for Prune Research Proposals & Prune Research Reports

Luke Milliron, 2020 UC ANR Prune Work Group Chair, has announced that the 2020 Prune Workgroup Meeting with the Crop Management and Sustainability Committee of the California Prune Board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, and Wednesday, December 2, 2020. This meeting will be remote (via Zoom). An agenda will circulate towards the end of November.

Annual research reports and presentations, for work done under a current California Prune Board (CPB) project number or other non-CPB funded prune projects, are required. Please follow the attached guidelines for preparation of a prune research project report. The due date for these reports is **December 2, 2020.** The report may be given directly to Gary Obenauf -- on storage media (CD, thumb drive, etc) -- at the workgroup meeting. Your report may also be e-mailed (as a MS Word attachment) to [gobenauf@agresearchconsulting.com](mailto:gobenauf@agresearchconsulting.com) . E-mail is the preferred method to get the report to Gary. **Please include a budget summary.**

**New and renewed research proposals** will also be reviewed at our meeting. The due date for proposals/renewals is **December 3, 2020**. For ongoing projects, in addition to a roughly 20-25 minute report focused on 2020 results, please prepare a short (5-10 minute) presentation on future plans to follow the report on previous research. For brand new proposals, principle investigators should contact Luke Milliron [[lkmilliron@ucanr.edu](mailto:lkmilliron@ucanr.edu); (530) 828-9666] to arrange a time on the Work Group meeting agenda for a short (5-10 minute) presentation describing their planned work. **Proposals should be prepared on the new (2018 0410 Grant template) Project Proposal form (copy attached). It is my understanding that the proposal portion of this form is confined to Attachment 1 (page 11 of the form) and rest of the form will be completed if the proposal is funded by CPB.** UC ANR academics are invited to use the on-line Grant Tracking system (<https://ucanr.org/gts/>) to streamline the movement of the proposal within UC ANR/UCOP. Instructions regarding additional information you must add to your proposal are attached along with a copy of the latest CPB Research Goals. **New this year:** Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals that specify intent to seek co-funding (e.g. Agricultural Research Institute, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, California Specialty Crop Block Grant, other commodity or research boards, et al) and will receive additional consideration by the Board.

Please send the original proposal to Franz Niederholzer, 142A Garden Hwy, Yuba City, CA 95991.