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Under way:

National search for AVP-Programs

VP Gomes has announced that national recruitment is under way to fill the position of Assistant Vice President-Programs. This is a revision of the position vacated by the retirement of Lanny Lund.

The AVP-Programs provides leadership and advocacy for a unified ANR program with a strong statewide, campus, and local presence. The AVP-Programs integrates planning and delivery of programs at the statewide level. The AVP-Programs is based in Oakland and reports to the Associate Vice President-ANR. The AVP-Programs will have direct responsibility for the Research and Extension Centers. Each REC director, as well as the four program leaders and the three regional directors will report to the AVP-Programs. The AVP-Programs will serve as a member of Program Council, which will continue to be chaired by Associate Vice President Rick Standiford.

This position requires the ability to provide effective leadership in program planning, budgeting, and personnel management for a large complex academic institution. This position also requires knowledge and understanding of issues in agriculture, natural and related human resources that may be addressed through research and extension. Candidates should have a Ph.D. or other doctoral degree (preferably in a subject matter associated with agriculture, human resources or natural resources) and a demonstrated research and publication record. Prior administrative experience in land-grant university research or extension programs is preferred.

To obtain an ANR academic application form, download the form at <http://ucanr.org/jobs.shtml> or contact GERALYN UNTERBERG at (510) 987-0027 or geralyn.unterberg@ucop.edu.

To apply, please send nominations or application materials to GERALYN UNTERBERG, Office of the Associate Vice President, Agriculture and Natural Resources, 1111 Franklin Street, 6th Floor, Oakland, CA 94607-5200.

Review of applications is set to begin Jan. 5 and continue until the position is filled.

The full description of the AVP-Programs position #AP 06-01 is at <http://www.ucanr.org/jobdescript/AsstVP-Programs.pdf>.

The AVP-Programs search committee is composed of Jim MacDonald, committee chair and College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences executive associate dean; Linda Garcia, Sonoma County director; Don Gordon, president, Agricultural Council of California; Beth Grafton-Cardwell, Lindcove REC director and entomology specialist; Scott Johnson, CE pomologist, Kearney REC; Peggy Mauk, regional director, Central Coast & South; Maxwell Norton, program leader-Agricultural Productivity; Bob Sams, Communication Services director; and Steve Welter, UC Berkeley entomologist.

ANR to launch oral history project

On Oct. 26 President Dynes announced the establishment of "Taking the University to the People," a landmark UCCE oral history project. The oral history will provide a living record of the individual contributions of UCCE advisors, specialists and staff, and examples of the positive impact of the UC-Industry research, development and delivery continuum on California's agricultural, natural and related human resources sectors. It is anticipated that this project, to be done in conjunction with the Regional Oral History Office of the Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley, will take up to five years to complete and include as many as 100 interviews.

Dynes also announced, at the fall meeting of the UC President's Advisory Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources, a private funding campaign, kicked off in honor of VP Gomes' upcoming retirement, with a goal of raising \$400,000 for the oral history project. Founding PAC chairman and senior advisor to the President on Agricultural and Business Initiatives, John De Luca, has agreed to serve as a co-chairman for the campaign, to secure industry funding along with private donations.

For more information contact Cindy Arnot Barber, director of Development Services at (510) 987-9139 or cynthia.barber@ucop.edu.

Dynes gives PAC preview of UC's long-term plans

The "Power and the Promise of 10" will be at the heart of UC's long-term plan for where the university needs to be in 2025, President Dynes told members of the President's Advisory Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources, which met Oct. 26 and 27 in Oakland.

The tagline refers to the combined intellectual and human resources of UC's 10 campuses, 5 medical centers, 3 national laboratories and ANR.

"Our competitive strength is our size," Dynes said. "We should not think of UC as being 10 isolated campuses."

Dynes and Rory Hume, provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs, discussed next steps in the UC long-range planning effort. Last year Dynes appointed a Long-Range Guidance Team to consider what challenges the next 20 years may pose to California and discuss ways in which UC can begin preparing to address those challenges. Dynes said he will hold a series of town hall meetings on campuses and in communities to solicit other views about the plan and what UC needs to do to prepare for 2025.

The long-range planning effort is being done in the context of California's higher education Master Plan, according to Hume. "This is not a UC-centric activity. We're just defining who we are."

At dinner, Dynes surprised VP Gomes by announcing the establishment of "Taking the University to the People," a UCCE oral history project ([see story page 1](#)).

Dynes said, "When [Reg] told me he was going to retire and go off and enjoy life, he said, 'I don't want to be recognized.' I'm going to ignore that advice because it's important to recognize the significance of what Reg has done for this university."

"The history of Cooperative Extension – which is a product of Reg and his predecessors – is exceptional. Cooperative Extension has made a huge difference in the lives of countless Californians."

Other highlights of the meeting included a major presentation on "Renewable and Alternative Energy Sources," and updates on UC's role in controlling mosquito-borne diseases and addressing *E. coli* O157:H7 contamination of spinach.

Severin Borenstein, UCB professor and director of the UC Energy Institute,

introduced the major topic with a comprehensive overview he called "What you need to know about energy!"

Sharon Shoemaker, director of the California Institute of Food and Agricultural Research (CIFAR) at UCD, discussed the pros and cons of cellulosic ethanol as a renewable energy source for California consumers and California agriculture.

Robert Ellery, director of Energy Resources & Environmental Affairs for Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI), pointed out the advantages and pitfalls of turning forest biomass into an economically viable energy source, and described the regulatory and environmental challenges facing SPI in making cogeneration a part of its long-term business plan.

Ruihong Zhang, UCD professor, discussed her patented technology for turning agricultural and restaurant waste materials and byproducts into a renewable, and possibly profitable, energy source, and highlighted the operational debut of a "proof-of-concept" processing plant that came on-line just two days before the PAC meeting.

Gregory Lanzaro, director of the state-wide ANR Mosquito Research Program, talked about UC research and education on West Nile virus and malaria. The UCD-based program was the first to detect West

Nile in mosquitoes in California in 2003, and is working with state and local agencies to track its spread. Lanzaro described a systemwide effort now underway to focus UC research expertise on malaria outbreaks in Africa, and reduce the debilitating effects of this disease on children and the elderly.

Trevor Suslow, UCD postharvest specialist, explained that UC research into sources of *E. coli* O157:H7 contamination and modes of transmission to leafy greens predates the recent outbreak linked to San Benito County-grown spinach. He noted that wild pigs have been implicated as carriers in the spinach case, but that UC faculty, specialists and advisors are continuing to work together testing water, soil and animals to identify other sources of *E. coli* O157:H7. They advise growers to employ "good agricultural practices," based on science, to prevent future contamination.

Also at the meeting, Michael Reese, UC associate vice president for Strategic Communications, called upon PAC members to assist in building support for the university through a newly launched "Power and Promise of 10" advocacy campaign.

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for April 26 and 27.



From left, Stuart Woolf, President's Advisory Commission chair; John De Luca, senior advisor to the president for agriculture and business initiatives; VP Gomes; and President Dynes. The PAC met Oct. 26-27.

Hallstrom, Powell and Smith named to PAC

President Dynes has named three new members to the President's Advisory Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources. They are Luawanna Hallstrom, John Powell, Jr. and Richard Smith.

Hallstrom is chief operating officer for Harry Singh & Sons, the nation's largest producer of vine-ripened tomatoes, and business manager for Oceanside Produce, the family's produce marketing company. A third-generation family farmer in San Diego County, Hallstrom is nationally recognized as a leader in immigration reform. She serves on the State Board of Food and Agriculture with Vice President Gomes, and is on the boards of Western Growers and San Diego County Farm Bureau. Hallstrom chairs the California Farm Bureau Federation's Labor Advisory Committee, is national Co-Chair for the Agricultural Council for Immigration Reform, and is on the executive board of the National Council of Agricultural Employers. She earned a bachelor's degree in Nutrition and Food Science from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Powell is president and CEO of Peter Rabbit Farms, a third-generation fresh fruit and vegetable grower-shipper located in the Coachella Valley. Powell works alongside his brother and sister growing carrots, lettuce, peppers, table grapes, lemons, and other mixed vegetables on the family farm started by their grandfather in 1949. He is immediate past chairman of Western Growers and was a member of the Coachella Valley Water District Board, where he worked to negotiate the Quantification Settlement Agreement, a multi-agency pact which quantifies Colorado River water rights in California. Powell earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Stanford University.

Smith is founder and president of Paraiso Vineyards and owner/president of Valley Farm Management, Inc., Grapeharvest of California, Inc., and Monterey Wine and Produce Visitor Center. Smith and his family produce quality wines on their 400-acre vineyard estate in the Santa Lucia Highlands and manage nearly 3,000 acres of Monterey County winegrapes for other producers. He is past president of Central Coast Vineyard Team and a member of the American Vineyard Foundation, American Viticulture



Luawanna Hallstrom



John Powell, Jr.



Richard Smith

and Enology Research Network, Monterey County Agricultural Education, Inc., Salinas Valley Water Coalition and the Monterey Business Council. Smith is a graduate of the California Agriculture Leadership Program (Class VII) and a recipient of the UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Award of Distinction. He earned a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Science and Management from UC Davis.

They join PAC chair Stuart Woolf, president and CEO of Woolf Enterprises, Inc., Fresno; and members Stan Andre, CEO of the California Milk Advisory Board, South San Francisco; Kevin Andrew, senior vice president of operations for Sun World International, Bakersfield; Don Bransford, partner in Bransford Farms, Colusa and chair of the U.S. Rice Producers' Group; Carol Chandler, partner in Chandler Farms, Selma and a CSU Trustee; Grant Davis; executive director of The Bay Institute, Novato; Mark Emmerson, CFO and board member of Sierra Pacific Industries, Redding;

Curt Josiassen, partner in Josiassen Farms, Richvale and Butte County supervisor; James Lugg, president TransFRESH Corporation, Salinas; Ken McCorkle, senior vice president and manager of Wells Fargo Bank Agricultural Industries Group, Visalia; Dina Moore, partner in Lone Star Ranch, Kneeland; Joel Nelsen, president of California Citrus Mutual, Exeter; Jack Pearlstein, president of Nurserymen's Exchange, Half Moon Bay; Richard Rominger, partner in Rominger and Sons, Winters and president of the Alumni Associations of the University of California; Rita Schmidt Sudman, executive director of the Water Education Foundation, Sacramento; Rodney Taylor, director of Nutrition Services for the Riverside Unified School District, Riverside; Kerry Tucker, CEO, Nuffer, Smith, Tucker, Inc., San Diego; Bob Vice, founder of B.L.V. Agribusiness Consultants, Fallbrook; and Paul Wenger, partner in Wenger Farms, Modesto and first vice president of California Farm Bureau Federation.

UC ethics briefing required

The University's Statement of Ethical Values and Standards of Ethical Conduct is available online at http://www.ucop.edu/ucophome/coordrev/policy/Stmt_Stds_Ethics.pdf.

Since the issuance of the statement, the Office of the President (OP) has been preparing a Web-based, mandatory ethics briefing. The purpose of the briefing is to familiarize all UC employees with the Statement of Ethical Values and Standards of Ethical Conduct, which were adopted by the UC Regents in May 2005.

Conceptually this training is similar to that on sexual harassment, but shorter. The ethics briefing takes about 30 minutes to complete. OP is launching the training at Oakland offices, with subsequent roll-out to employees at other UC locations over the next four months. ANR employees who are located in Oakland are asked to complete this briefing by Jan. 8. The completion date for employees at other locations will be announced when the training is launched in those locations.

For more information regarding the ethics statement or mandatory training, contact Jake McGuire, ANR controller and director of Business Services, at (510) 987-9052 or jake.mcguire@ucop.edu.

Employment Opportunities

Air quality advisor search extended to January

The closing date for an area air quality advisor being sought for Fresno, Kings, Madera and Tulare counties has been extended to **Jan. 15**. The position will be headquartered in Madera.

The full description for position #ACV 05-03-R2 and required academic application are available at <http://ucanr.org/cvr.joblisting>. To apply, submit applications to Cindy Inouye, UC Cooperative Extension Central Valley Region, 9240 S. Riverbend Ave., Parlier, CA 93648; cinouye@uckac.edu; (559) 646-6535.

To apply for any or all of the three position vacancies described below, please refer to the appropriate position name, position number (#) and county in your request. Only one application packet will be required for any or all of the three position vacancies. To be considered, submit an Academic Application form, which can be downloaded in PDF format from <http://ccsr.ucdavis.edu/>.

Los Angeles County:

4-H youth development advisor

The Los Angeles County 4-H youth development advisor will develop an extension and research program in adolescent development that promotes leadership, citizenship and life skills development among youth.

A minimum of a master's degree in education or another topic related to youth development is required.

You can view the entire description for position #ACCSO-06-04 at <http://ucanr.org/jobs.shtml#ccsj>. To assure full consideration, application must be received by **Dec. 1** (or open until filled).

For details on the Los Angeles County 4-HYD advisor position, contact Rachel Surls, county director at ramabie@ucdavis.edu.

For more information about the application process, contact ccsracadrecruit@ucdavis.edu or (951) 827-2529.

Imperial County: 4-H/NFCS advisor

The 4-H youth development advisor (75% appointment) is responsible for development, implementation, administration, and evaluation of the UCCE 4-H Youth Development Program in Imperial County.

The nutrition, family and consumer science advisor (25% appointment) is responsible for development, implementation, administration, and evaluation of the UCCE Nutrition Family and Consumer Science (NFCS) program in Imperial County. The advisor will provide research-based information in the areas of food, nutrition, food safety and quality, and family development including consumer resource management and parenting education. The advisor will provide academic guidance to the Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FSNEP).

A minimum of a master's degree in behavioral sciences, education, youth or human development or a related field is required.

The entire description for position #ACCSO-06-03 can be viewed at <http://ucanr.org/jobs.shtml#ccsj>.

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For details on the Imperial County 4-HYD/NFCS advisor position, contact Eric Natwick, county director at etnatwick@ucdavis.edu.

San Bernardino County:

4-H youth development advisor

The San Bernardino County 4-H youth development advisor will develop an extension and research program in adolescent development that promotes leadership, citizenship and life skills development among youth.

A minimum of a master's degree in education or another topic related to youth development is required.

You can view the entire description for position #ACCSO-06-05 at <http://ucanr.org/jobs.shtml#ccsj>. To assure full consideration, application must be received by **Dec. 1** (or open until filled).

For details on the San Bernardino County 4-HYD advisor position, contact Nyles Peterson, county director at ngpeter@ucdavis.edu.

Requests for Proposals

Tulelake: IREC seeks research proposals

Intermountain Research and Extension Center (IREC) in Tulelake is soliciting proposals for new and continuing research projects for calendar year 2007. Proposals are due **Jan. 9**.

IREC provides labor, equipment, facilities and technical support to UC academics and personnel from cooperating agencies. Grants of center-provided labor to support approved projects are awarded annually. IREC is a 140-acre research facility located at 4,000 feet elevation near the Oregon border. The center specializes in potato, small grain, onion, peppermint, forage grasses and alfalfa research; however, most cool season field and vegetable crops can be accommodated and grown on the center. Main topics of research interest at the center include variety development; weed, insect, and disease control; water management; and plant nutrition. Center facilities and equipment include a greenhouse, controlled postharvest facility, drying ovens, an automated potato grading line, a mini-still for essential oil extraction, specialized small-plot irrigation equipment, research-adapted, small-plot planters and harvesters, and a full line of commercial farm equipment for field and vegetable crop production. Technical assistance is available for all farming practices, field instrumentation and data collection.

Proposal forms can be obtained from the Intermountain Research and Extension Center's Web site: http://danrrec.ucdavis.edu/intermountain/research_forms.html. Completed forms should be submitted electronically to ucirec@ucdavis.edu.

For more information about research support or facilities, contact IREC Director, Harry Carlson at (530) 667-2719. For information on electronic submission or forms, contact Linda Woodley at (530) 667-5117.

ANR investigates E. coli contamination

Even before the outbreak of *E. coli* O157:H7 related to San Benito County-grown spinach occurred, ANR has been testing water, soil, animals and plants and developing best management practices for farms, ANR scientists told Rep. Sam Farr (D-Carmel) and others attending an *E. coli* research summit Oct. 27 in Salinas.

AVP Rick Standiford representing the university at the hearing, answered questions about UC's role in addressing the food-borne illness problem.

"We have tremendous strength in the Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension working in the area of food safety," Standiford said. "Our planning has recognized the importance of food safety as one of the high priority core issues of ANR. In addition, UC's five schools of medicine and two schools of public health offer important opportunities for future collaborations on public health and food safety."

At the hearing organized by Congressman Farr, Rob Atwill, UC Davis medical ecology CE specialist, and Steve Koike, plant pathology farm advisor for Monterey County, described the *E. coli*-related research they are conducting with UC and ARS colleagues.

Since 2001, Koike and Trevor Suslow, UC Davis postharvest CE specialist, have been testing water, soil and lettuce plants in the Salinas Valley for *E. coli*. Koike reported that they did not find *E. coli* O157:H7 in any of their samples. In evaluating various detection methods, they found that some kits and methods resulted in false positives.

Atwill said he is part of a consortium of UC faculty, specialists and farm advisors, and ARS scientists that have been studying cattle infected with Shiga-toxin-producing *E. coli*. They are also developing farm management practices including vegetated buffers that reduce microbial pathogens in rangeland runoff.

Atwill suggested research opportunities in expanded wildlife testing – to identify any critical reservoirs of *E. coli* O157:H7 – and in a survey of *E. coli* O157:H7 in cow-calf operations in the leafy greens growing regions of California.

USDA Agricultural Research Service and industry also presented research.

The Food and Drug Administration and California Department of Health Services gave the current status of the outbreaks. AG Kawamura, state secretary of Food and Agriculture, Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) and Assemblymembers John Laird (D-Santa Cruz) and Simon Salinas (D-Salinas) were among those who attended.

Jerry Gillespie, director of the UC Davis Western Institute for Food Safety and Security, reported on the role the center has played with leafy greens. Jim MacDonald, executive associate dean of the UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, also attended, interacting with growers and policymakers at the meeting.

ANR Retiree Advisory Council formed

VP Gomes has appointed a UCCE Retiree Advisory Council, chaired by former San Diego County director Diane Wallace. The eight-to-10-member council is charged with advising the Vice President – ANR on matters relating to educational and social programs for ANR retirees, fund raising, preservation of UCCE history, and advocacy. Former Los Angeles County director George Rendell and former Merced County director Jim Farley have agreed to serve as co-vice chairs. Other committee members will be named before the council's first meeting in January. Cindy Barber, director of Development Services, is staffing the council.

Names in the news



Smith named vegetable/strawberry advisor

Hugh Smith will join the UCCE office in Santa Maria as the vegetable/strawberry advisor for Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties, effective Dec. 1.

Smith currently holds a post-doctoral position with Bill Chaney, entomology advisor in Monterey County, working on the biological control of aphids in organically grown lettuce. Smith earned his BA in Classics at Brown University, and his MS and Ph.D. in Entomology from the University of Florida.

Smith has served as a visiting lecturer at the Universidad del Valle-Altiplano, Sololá, Guatemala, as a consultant for ChildFund in Vietnam, as a Fulbright visiting lecturer in Guatemala, and as Agricultural Entomologist in Hawaii and the Northern Mariana Islands.

In his new position, Smith will start by consulting with Central Coast vegetable and strawberry growers and pest control advisers, plus vegetable and strawberry specialists at UC Davis and UC Riverside to determine which local problems should be addressed. Smith can be reached by e-mail at hasmith@ucdavis.edu or by phone at (805) 934-6240.

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Adams, Allison honored by ESA

Two UC Riverside entomologists have won awards from the Entomological Society of America (ESA). Michael E. Adams, a professor of entomology and neuroscience, won the Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry, & Toxicology. Jeremy D. Allison, a graduate student in the Department of Entomology working toward his Ph.D., received the John Henry Comstock Graduate Student Award from the ESA's Pacific Branch.

In his research, Adams focuses on ecdysis, a vital step involved in the development process of insects in which they shed their old cuticle. Adams studies ecdysis-triggering hormones, which regulate sequential behaviors involved in the shedding of the cuticle at each moult. He also studies paralytic venoms from spiders and scorpions. He has combined his research in insect physiology with studies in toxicology and neurobiology.

Allison received recognition as an outstanding graduate student in entomology. In fall 2001, he began studying for a Ph.D. in entomology with Ring T. Carde, professor of entomology. Allison's research focuses on the genetic basis of variation in sex pheromones and will document how directional selection can modify sex pheromones.

Both awards will be presented at the ESA's 2006 Annual Meeting in Indianapolis on Dec. 10-13.

Martinez named HR coordinator

Robert Martinez has joined ANR as the Human Resources coordinator, effective Nov. 27. He has held several human resource positions at the Davis campus since joining UC in 1987 and most recently worked as manager of Employee Relations. Martinez is familiar with Cooperative Extension and has worked closely with ANR and UCOP over the years on various labor relations and af-



Clockwise from upper left: Michael E. Adams, Jeremy D. Allison, Yana Valachovic and Chris Lee

firmative action issues. He succeeds Sally Philbin, who accepted a position in another division of UCOP.

Martinez is located in office #6111 of the Franklin Building in Oakland. He can be reached at (510) 987-0082 or robert.martinez@ucop.edu.

Forestry Board gives kudos to Valachovic, Lee

The California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection acknowledged a multi-agency effort to suppress sudden oak death (SOD) in Humboldt County and recognized the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), California State Parks and four individuals for their leadership.

Outstanding Achievement Awards were presented to Yana Valachovic, UCCE Humboldt/Del Norte forestry advisor; Chris Lee, Humboldt County SOD program coordinator; Jack Marshall, CDF forest pathologist; and Hugh Scanlon, CDF Humboldt/Del Norte battalion chief.

As a result of their collaborative and expedient effort, novel monitoring and management techniques were implemented on 140 SOD-infested acres in Humboldt County this year, spanning numerous private parcels as well as state park land.

"Thanks to the innovative and tireless efforts of these four individuals working with landowners, progress has been made toward limiting Sudden Oak Death infec-



Michael Yang and Richard Molinar

tion levels in Humboldt County," said Mark Stanley, California Oak Mortality Task Force chair.

Molinar, Yang win DPR's IPM award

Richard Molinar, small farms advisor, and Michael Yang, agricultural assistant, both of UCCE Fresno County, were among seven diverse groups honored by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation for their work to sustain California's environment.

Molinar and Yang provide IPM outreach to minority farmers, many of whom contend with lack of financial resources, little agricultural education, and limited English language skills. The IPM Innovator Award was given to Molinar and Yang to recognize their work in helping a 6,000-farm community of Southeast Asian immigrants adapt their specialty crops to IPM.

For the past eight years, Molinar and Yang have conducted IPM training with a biweekly radio broadcast in addition to farm visits. They organized a "Small Farm Resource Network," established IPM partnerships with public and private agencies, and maintain research plots at Kearney Research & Extension Center with local farmers.

DPR presented its IPM Innovator Awards Oct. 26 at the California Environmental Protection Agency headquarters in Sacramento.

Snapshot of VP & AVP activities

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

- 10/18 CNAS Board of Advisors & Genomics Bldg. Groundbreaking Ceremony, UCR
- 10/24 CSU Agricultural Research Initiative Board of Governors, Long Beach; Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost Wartella, UCR
- 10/25 President Dynes
- 10/26 Former AVP Lowell Lewis; President's Advisory Commission Chair Stuart Woolf; President's Advisory Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources
- 10/27 President's Advisory Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources
- 10/30 California Farm Bureau Federation conference call
- 11/1 Vice Chancellor of Research Klein; Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Hinshaw, UC Davis
- 11/2-3 Chaired The National Academies' Board on Agriculture & Natural Resources, UCD
- 11/7 Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Breslauer, UCB
- 11/8-10 Agriculture Executives Roundtable, Las Vegas, NV
- 11/11-15 National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges Annual Meeting, Houston, TX; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service's Partnership Working Group, Houston, TX

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 four weeks, AVP Standiford engaged in the following meetings:

- 10/17 ANR Home Economist Retiree Reception, San Luis Obispo
- 10/18 CNR Dean Ludden, Berkeley
- 10/19 California Alumni Foresters Dean's Tour, Santa Cruz
- 10/23-24 Western Extension Directors Assoc., Las Vegas, NV
- 10/25 Society of American Foresters Conference & Accreditation Committee, Pittsburgh, PA
- 10/26 President's Advisory Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources, Oakland
- 10/27 E. coli Research Summit, Salinas
- 10/30 CAES Dean Van Alfen, Davis; CA Resources Agency Secretary Mike Chrisman and Program Leader Frost, Sacramento; Academic Assembly Council Chair Chris Greer, Davis
- 11/2 UCR Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Agriculture, Riverside
- 11/3 CNR Advisory Board, Berkeley
- 11/6 Academic Assembly Council
- 11/7 Program Leaders, Program Council, Riverside
- 11/8 Program Council, Riverside
- 11/9 Regional Directors, Riverside
- 11/12-14 National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges Annual Meeting, Houston, TX
- 11/15 UC Regents, Los Angeles



VP Gomes and UCR Chancellor France Cordova officiated at the groundbreaking for the Genomics building on Oct. 18. Located at Citrus and Eucalyptus drives, the \$53.8 million building will house the Institute for Integrative Genome Biology, which includes the Center for Plant Cell Biology, the Biotechnology Impacts Center and the Center for Disease-Vector Research. Construction is expected to be completed in 2009.

Lindcove REC invites public to taste citrus

Lindcove Research & Extension Center will hold its Citrus Fruit Tasting & Display Field Day on Dec. 15 and 16.

There will be no formal presentations. Growers are invited to come anytime between 9 a.m. and noon on Friday, Dec. 15. Growers and the general public are invited to visit between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Dec. 16.

Lindcove REC is located at 22963 Carson Avenue, Corner of Road 228 & Avenue 315 (Carson Avenue) in Exeter. For more information, call (559) 592-2408 ext. 10.



Retirement

Elizabeth Gomez, ANR academic personnel manager, retired Nov. 2 after 35 years of service with UC. She served 12 years with Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Gomez started her career with UC in 1971 as a secretary at the UC Berkeley School of Law. She was an administrative analyst at UCB when she transferred to ANR in 1994. She joined ANR as senior administrative analyst under academic personnel coordinator Virginia Vogel.

As academic personnel manager, Gomez served as a senior member of the management team to the Associate Vice President. She provided leadership on academic personnel employment and policy matters for the Division. She also provided leadership in applying academic policies and procedures in areas of salary, recruitment, and employee labor relations.

Gomez attended the University of Colorado, where she majored in Business.

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