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ANR county-based structure reviewed

County directors met with the Executive Working Group on June 8 to discuss strategies for stabilizing county funding and optimizing ANR's investment in programs.

At the meeting, Don Klingborg, director of Strategic Advocacy & UC-County Partnerships, presented the results of the ANR County-based Cooperative Extension Survey, then participants worked on identifying potential positive and negative consequences associated with various administrative and programmatic structures.

Of the 258 CE people responding to the survey, 102 said their first choice was the present county model and their second choice was a cluster model. For full results, see <http://ucanr.org/partnerships/cdmeeting>.

Next steps in the process will include assigning several taskforces to review the options and the associated pros and cons, then designing a model or models that will meet California's needs for the next 25 years. Cooperative Extension's county partners in as well as stakeholders will be asked to participate in the process.

"Models will be presented to ANR for evaluation in the fall with decisions and implementation of any changes in place for FY 2011-12," said Klingborg.

People interested in serving on a task force should contact Klingborg at djklingsborg@ucdavis.edu.

EFNEP integrated with 4-H in new statewide program

ANR recently announced the integration of the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) into a newly created Youth, Families and Communities (YFC) statewide program. This new YFC structure, which also includes the 4-H Youth Development Program, is expected to launch by Oct. 1.

YFC was created to make more resources available to community programming, provide greater accountability, and expand programmatic opportunities. Additionally, budgetary considerations and program efficiency and effectiveness were key deciding factors. Although EFNEP's organizational structure and administrative role have changed, the program will keep all its programmatic functions.

EFNEP, as an ANR program has positioned the division as both a statewide and national leader in nutrition education for more than 40 years. Annually, approximately 9,000 adults and 40,000 youth in California benefit from EFNEP's nutrition education programs that teach families how to plan nutritious meals, increase physical activity, stretch their food dollar, and practice safe food handling. National studies show that for every \$1 spent to implement EFNEP, up to \$10.64 is saved in health care costs and \$2.48 in food expenditures.

In addition to excelling in program implementation, California was the first and only state to assess the youth program's effectiveness and to validate USDA's method of using nutrition

EFNEP + 4-HYDP = YFC

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impact indicators. This evaluation, which was conducted by CE specialist Marilyn Townsend and advisors Lucrecia Farfan-Ramirez and Margaret Johns, also served as a tool to secure county funding during difficult economic times.

“With county reorganization and devastating budget cuts, some county advisors were able to use this report as evidence of program impact to maintain UCCE county funding,” stated Farfan-Ramirez.

It’s also important to note that Townsend, in collaboration with advisors Cathi Lamp and Marcel Horowitz, released findings from a study never conducted before that analyzed EFNEP and FSNEP’s (Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program) impact on students’ academic performance statewide, as measured by the California Content Standards in Mathematics and English/Language Arts.

EFNEP has been a great success due to the dedication and innovation of its statewide director of 11 years, Barbara Sutherland, and many faculty and staff.

“Sutherland is known for her passionate spirit in improving dietary practices in low-income audiences and has been a familiar face in D.C. for her advocacy work on behalf of EFNEP,” stated Barbara Allen-Diaz, AVP for Academic Programs and Strategic Initiatives. “She has been a very integral part of ANR and the groundwork she laid will be a valuable asset for the program’s future.”

Sutherland is co-author of the popular adult nutrition education curriculum, Eating Smart, Being Active, which is used in numerous states and recognized for its impact on behavior outcomes.

In an effort to transition EFNEP smoothly, ANR has appointed EFNEP Advisory Committee chair Connie Schneider on a special assignment to support Sutherland and Sharon Junge,

Healthy Families and Communities Strategic Initiative leader and 4-H interim director, during this change. ANR plans to hold a conference call on June 25 to provide EFNEP advisors and county directors further information and discuss local issues.

As part of the restructuring, EFNEP statewide administration will no longer be housed at UC Davis’ Nutrition Department and ANR plans to carry out a national recruitment for the new director of the YFC statewide program. This new structure will also be supported by Townsend as the new associate director of research for EFNEP/ Nutrition. She will expand her research and extension duties to include both youth and family audiences, and will continue to be housed at UC Davis’ Nutrition Department.

Although EFNEP’s organizational structure and administrative role have changed, the program will keep all its programmatic functions.

More information will be shared in the coming months about the new YFC statewide program, which is expected to be fully operational by October.

ANR town hall recording posted on Web

An Adobe Connect recording of the May 25, 2010, ANR town-hall meeting can be viewed at <http://uc-d.na4.acrobat.com/p47071107/> and accessed through the ANR portal. The recording is 61 minutes long.

VP Dooley discussed the governor’s “May Revise,” UC’s budget, salary increases, UC’s systemwide efficiency initiative, the new composition of Program Council, Cooperative Extension and county partnerships, and progress towards our Strategic Vision. He also answered participants’ questions.

To view the recording, Flash is required and can be downloaded at <http://Adobe.com>.

Live Webcast on ANR support for AFRI grants June 22

Those applying for or assisting with the preparation of an AFRI grant application are invited to join ANR Office of Contracts and Grants and the Program Support Unit for a 60-minute AFRI Forum live via Adobe Connect on Tuesday, June 22, at 10 a.m. PDT.

In addition to describing the roles of the two offices as part of the ANR support for AFRI grants, the forum will include a walk-through of the recently launched [ANR AFRI web page](#) on the PSU website. It includes a variety of resources available to those interested in applying for AFRI grants, including video guides on how to find, complete and submit an AFRI grants.gov application.

Following a 30-minute overview, staff will respond to questions related to the AFRI application process. Questions will be accepted during the broadcast via the Adobe Connect chat feature.

To enter the meeting, click on this link <http://uc-d.na4.acrobat.com/anrafri/>. Select “guest” and type your name.

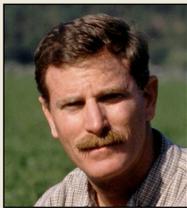
If you have trouble connecting to the event, send a text or leave a voicemail for Mike Poe at (530) 902-2058 or e-mail mlpoe@ucdavis.edu.

County-based members appointed to Program Council

VP Dooley has appointed two new members to serve on Program Council: Rose Hayden-Smith and Steve Orloff. Orloff and Hayden-Smith will join Program Council in July on two- and three-year staggered terms, respectively, to ensure continuity of county-based input. The new members will provide a county-based perspective to Program Council once the Regional Directors end their duties on June 30.



Rose Hayden-Smith



Steve Orloff

Hayden-Smith is Cooperative Extension director and youth development advisor for Ventura County and a Kellogg Food and Society Policy Fellow. She develops programs for youth and adult extenders in agricultural literacy, garden-based learning, and youth and community gardening. Her national advocacy work focuses on encouraging efforts to promote school,

home and community efforts; and public policy related to child nutrition, food systems, gardening, education and urban agriculture.

Steve Orloff is Siskiyou County director and a farm advisor. He conducts research and educational programs on alfalfa, small grains, irrigated pasture and non-crop weed control; with emphasis on variety adaptation, pest management, irrigation and general production practices.

Program Council coordinates divisionwide planning and delivery of programs and provides recommendations for allocation of resources. Using an online survey tool, nominations for county-based Cooperative Extension academics were solicited from specialists and county-based personnel. Program Council evaluated the nominations and made recommendations to the Executive Working Group.

HFC conference set for Aug. 24-26 in Davis

The Healthy Families and Communities Coordinating Conference will be held Aug. 24-26 at UC Davis.

“The primary focus of the conference will be to dialog, discuss, review and further define the priority areas of inquiry identified by the panel for the HFC Strategic Initiative,” said Sharon Junge, HFC initiative leader. “It will also include the beginning development of the strategic plan for accomplishing the work over the next five years.”

Look for more details on the areas of inquiry for the HFC Strategic Initiative and Coordinating Conference at <http://ucanr.org/sites/PSU>.

Conference linking ag, food and nutrition set for June 16-18

UC Davis will host the National Agricultural Biotechnology Council’s conference “Promoting Health by Linking Agriculture, Food and Nutrition,” on June 16-18.

With health care consuming so much of the developed world’s resources, there is a critical need to understand how diet, nutrition, and the underlying agricultural production systems impact human health. The NABC’s 22nd conference will address the science linking agriculture, food, and nutrition to health with the goal of informing both research priorities and government policies that seek to improve human livelihoods.

To learn more about the program or to register, go to <http://nabc.ucdavis.edu>.

Proposals sought for 2010 Ogawa award

The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences has announced the Joseph M. Ogawa Research and Teaching Endowment committee is accepting proposals from undergraduate and graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers for research projects addressing production problems of temperate-zone tree fruit and nut crops.

In addition, proposals for educational programs, i.e. course development, extension activities, and field short courses benefiting UC students, the fields of plant pathology and pomology, and the California fruit and nut industries are requested. These proposals may be submitted by students, staff or faculty.

Awards must be expended in support of undergraduates, graduate students, postgraduate researchers, and faculty/staff within the University of California system.

Budget proposals should range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Award amounts per annum depend on earnings generated by the endowment. Awards are transferred to the recipient’s home department and set up on their behalf to be used for research supplies and/or conference travel.

Applications should include a cover letter with contact information, a research proposal (of less than 1,500 words)

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which includes an introduction, objective, methods, budget and benefits to California agriculture, and a letter of support from a UC faculty member or department chair.

A final report with summary, research results, and discussion must be submitted to the CAES Dean's Office one year following acceptance of the award.

Please address applications to The Ogawa Endowment Committee, c/o Allison Chilcott, Dean's Office, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, University of California, Davis, CA 95616-8571

Joe Ogawa (1925-1996) earned his bachelor's degree in plant sciences in 1950 and his doctoral degree in plant pathology in 1954. He joined the faculty in the Department of Plant Pathology where he conducted research and taught for 37 years. During his career, Ogawa was credited with solving numerous critical production problems confronting California orchardists. His wide research interests covered basic biology of the pathogens to the development of effective controls. He was as at ease talking with growers as with research scientists.

Deadline is June 30. For more information, contact Allison Chilcott at acchilcott@ucdavis.edu.

UC issues new “absence from work” policy

UC has enacted a new absence-from-work policy for three employee groups without union representation, giving them enhanced benefits having to do with the use of accrued sick leave for certain life events such as a new addition to the family. The new policy, which took effect June 1, applies to Professionals and Support Staff (PSS), Managers and Senior Professionals (MSP) and the Senior Management Group (SMG). The policy is available on the AtYourService website http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/employees/policies_employee_labor_relations/personnel_policies/spp2210_absence.pdf. A webinar is being developed for staff responsible for administering the new policy. UCOP will announce dates and times for this training in the near future. The policy includes this new benefit for parents: They can use sick leave for the purpose of caring for and bonding with new children. In regard to two other life events, the policy boosts the maximum number of sick days that employees may use for a serious health condition or the death of a family member.

Additionally, under the new policy, PSS, MSP and SMG employees can use sick time for bone marrow and organ donations, and vacation or unpaid leave for the purpose of serving as election officers. Introduced earlier this year for systemwide review, the absence-from-work policy consolidates and revises several sections in the PPSM: Personnel Policies for Staff Members. The revisions include new language to meet legal requirements. UC President Mark G. Yudof said a number of employee groups advocated for the expansion of leave policies, and campus leaders from around the system expressed broad support for the changes. Under the new policy, an employee may use up to 30 days of sick leave in connection with the addition to one's family of a newborn, adopted or foster child. Previously, parents could use vacation or compensatory time, but not sick leave, for caring for or bonding with new children. “Supporting employees' work-life balance is an ongoing priority for UC, and we're pleased to be able to offer this expanded benefit, especially during this time of furloughs and budget cuts,” said Dwaine Duckett, vice president of Human Resources. PSS, MSP and SMG employees also gained the right to use additional sick time as follows:

- Serious health condition (the employee's own health condition, or one for which the employee is caring for his or her spouse or domestic partner, a child or parent) — 12 weeks, up from 30 days, for use during a family and medical leave
- Death of a family or household member — 10 days, up from 5
- Bone marrow donation — 5 days
- Organ donation — 30 days

Other key changes in the absence from work policy:

- Returning to UC employment — An employee who leaves UC with accrued sick leave can have that time reinstated if the employee returns to work for UC within 90 days (previously 15 days).
- Prohibitions — New language that says employees cannot use vacation or sick leave intermittently during an unpaid leave of absence in order to benefit from holiday pay and employer contributions to benefits that would not otherwise be provided.
- Supervisor approval — New language clarifying that supervisor approval is required for requested vacation leave.
- FMLA amendments — New sections describing military caregiver leave and qualifying exigency leave, which are new provisions of the federal government's Family and Medical Leave Act.
- Jury duty — New language advising employees of work expectations and potential overtime requirements when employees are called for jury service.
- Paid time off — Newly added references to paid time off programs that are used by some UC medical centers as an alternative to vacation and sick leave.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Robert Martinez at (530) 752-3467 or ramartinez@ucdavis.edu.

CS Update

What's new in the Strategic Vision Toolkit

Changes big and small are underway in the Toolkit. We've added an [Example Gallery](#) so you can get inspiration and ideas from how others are using the new brand elements. If you have an example you would like included, contact Cynthia Kintigh.

Hundreds of high-quality photos have been added to the [Photo Gallery](#). You can use these stock photos in any ANR related web or printed promotional materials. See the Toolkit site for the full terms of use.

A set of small but important templates have been added to the kit:

Art for creating 4" x 3" name badges

Recognition certificates

Art for creating mailing labels



We do listen to your comments – through your feedback we learned about glitches in the font sizes in the poster and slide presentation templates. Those templates have been corrected and new versions have been posted to the site. If

you're using templates downloaded before May 11, you'll find the new ones are easier to use. And navigation to the most used elements has been streamlined, so those items are easier to find.

Communications Advisory Board seeks nominations

The advisory board to ANR Communication Services is seeking to fill positions on the board. Nominations can include, but are not limited to, specialists, advisors, and faculty affiliated with the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The board provides advice and support to the director of Communication Services and Information Technology on ANR program connection, resource allocation prioritization, major policy issues, budget and long-range planning. It also provides oversight of the peer review process for ANR educational materials.

Board members, who are appointed by AVP for Academic Programs and Strategic Initiatives Barbara Allen-Diaz, serve three-year, rotating terms. The board meets on a quarterly basis. The new appointments begin in November. Existing board members whose terms are ending may reapply.

Nominations are due by Aug. 2. Candidates may nominate themselves. Send nominations, along with the addresses of the candidates, to board chair Dennis Pittenger at dennis.pittenger@ucr.edu. If nominating yourself, please e-mail a curriculum vitae and the completed online application <http://ucanr.org/sites/news/files/14281.doc> to Pittenger.

Current members of the advisory board are Marianne Bird, 4-H youth development advisor, Sacramento County; Mark Bolda, farm advisor, Santa Cruz County; Leslie (Bees) Butler, agricultural economics specialist, Davis; Joe Connell, farm advisor, Butte County; Bill Frost, associate director ANR REC; Pamela Geisel, academic coordinator, Master Gardener Statewide Program, Davis; Peter Goodell, IPM advisor, Kearney Agricultural Center; David Lewis, county director and watershed management advisor, Marin County; Peggy Mauk, regional director, Central Coast & South Region; Dennis Pittenger, environmental horticulture advisor, Riverside; Larry Schwankl, irrigation specialist, Kearney Agricultural Center; Patti Wooten Swanson, nutrition, family, consumer science advisor, Monterey County; and Stephen Vasquez, farm advisor, Fresno County.

Experts discuss effects of farm and food policies on obesity



Gail Woodward-Lopez, left, talks with workshop participant at the Farm and Food Policy and Obesity workshop held in May.

Academics from ANR and other universities and agencies presented research on the effects of policy on obesity at the Farm and Food Policy and Obesity workshop held in May. Nutrition specialists, agricultural economists and public policy experts discussed the effects of farm commodity program policies and related policies, agricultural research policies, and food and nutrition programs on obesity in the United States and other countries.

Gail Woodward-Lopez, associate director of the UC Berkeley Center for Weight & Health, said, "We can educate, educate and educate, but policy drives behavior."

Proceedings of the workshop, including many of the speakers' PowerPoint presentations and the preworkshop lecture of Barry Popkin, author of "The World is Fat," are posted at <http://aic.ucdavis.edu/obesity/index.htm>.

Names in the News

Miner, Rangi join 4-H staff



Gemma Minor

The statewide 4-H Youth Development Program has two new staff members: Gemma

Minor, 4-H Thrive academic coordinator and Ravinder Rangi, 4-H Thrive program representative. The two positions, funded through a gift from the Thrive Foundation for Youth, will provide leadership to the rollout and implementation of the Step-It-Up-2-Thrive model.

Miner brings over 28 years of experience partnering with youth to develop confidence, leadership and individualized life skills. She earned an MS in recreation, park and tourism administration and BS in recreation administration from Western Illinois University. She also earned an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing and has been a pediatric registered nurse.

Most of Miner's professional experience has been with Camp Fire USA. She has provided extensive youth services including outdoor education and camping, school-aged childcare, special events and at-risk youth programming. Her extensive experience.

Miner can be reached at (530) 754-8517 and gminor@ucdavis.edu.



Ravinder Rangi

Rangi brings youth development practitioner experience to the 4-H Thrive Project. In 2003, he graduated cum laude with a BA from University of the Pacific in

Stockton. He was a finalist for the prestigious Fulbright program's 2010 grant cycle through the U.S. Department of State for his project focusing on researching the roots of colonial-era domestic violence laws and current social policy on relationship violence in the Pacific Islands region.

Ravi, as he prefers to be called, has extensive experience in youth-driven policy advocacy and education initiatives on both the local and state levels.

Rangi can be reached at (530) 752-9388 and rsrangi@ucdavis.edu.

BOC adds financial services staff

The ANR Business Operations Center Financial Services has four new staff members: Helen Moriyama, Laura Gonzales, Guillermina Garcia and Maryann DeLecce.

Moriyama, who began her career appointment with the BOC on May 20, is a former UC Davis employee with the California Animal Health & Food Safety System's Fresno Lab from 1987 through the closing of the Fresno branch in July 2009.

Gonzales, Garcia and DeLecce began working in the BOC at Kearney on June 7.

Gonzales worked for Ventura County Superior Court as a fiscal technician and accountant from 2005 to 2009.

Garcia worked at the State of Texas Department of Public Safety, Reedley College and Fresno City College, performing a variety of financial services.

DeLecce is also a former UC Davis employee with the California Animal Health & Food Safety System's Fresno Lab from 1991 through the Fresno location's closing in July 2009.

Moriyama can be reached at (559) 646-6081 and hmoriyama@uckac.edu.

Gonzales can be reached at (559) 646-6084 and lgonzales@uckac.edu.

Garcia can be reached at (559) 646-6082 and mgarcia@uckac.edu.

DeLecce can be reached at (559) 646-6083 and mdelecce@uckac.edu.

Byron, White receive ACE awards



Janet Byron (left) and Janet White (right)

Janet White, executive editor, and Janet Byron, managing editor

of California Agriculture received a silver award for "How climate change will transform California" (Class 22 - Technical Publications) from the Association for Communication Excellence.

California Agriculture Online: Launch of an electronic publication" won a bronze award in Class 26 - Electronic Publications. All of the Communication Services team members that helped launch the research journal's redesigned website will receive a certificate.

Byron also has been named the 2010 ACE Western Region Pioneer Award winner.

The awards will be presented at the ACE annual meeting in St. Louis on June 17.

Nutrition textbook cites UCCE work

ANR's nutrition, family and consumer sciences research and extension projects are featured or mentioned or discussed in 9 places in the new nutrition education textbook used by graduate and undergraduate nutrition programs across the country.

"There is only one textbook for nutrition education and this is it," said Marilyn Townsend, UC Davis nutrition specialist.

The second edition will be released in 2011. The textbook author is Isobel Contento, the Mary Swartz Rose Endowed Chair for Nutrition Education at Columbia University.

The Eatfit and Walkfit studies conducted by Marcel Horowitz, Yolo County youth development, nutrition, family and consumer science advisor; Christine Davidson, youth EFNEP program representative; Larissa Leavens, program representative, and their collaborator Mical Shilts, a CSU Sacramento, are cited.

The book cites UC Davis nutrition specialist Lucia Kaiser's Adult EFNEP/FSNEP research on mediators of behavior change.

Nutrition, family and consumer science advisors Anna Martin, Diane Metz and Patti Wooten Swanson's work on program evaluation and validation of assessment tools is also featured.

The citation for the textbook is Contento, Isobel R. *Nutrition Education: Linking Research, Theory, and Practice. 2nd edition*. Jones and Bartlett Publishers. Boston. 2011.

Retirements

Barbara Ohlendorf



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Barbara Ohlendorf will retire June 29 after 28 years as the UC

Integrated Pest Management Program's principal editor.

Many know Ohlendorf from her role as coordinator of UC IPM's Pest Management Guidelines (PMGs). Working with many UC ANR authors, she coordinates revision of 45 different crop guidelines. Coordinating the guidelines is an intense task requiring good people skills, organization, and scrupulous editing and writing skill.

Before concentrating on the PMGs, Ohlendorf revised several manuals such as IPM for Almonds, IPM for Apples and Pears, IPM for Cotton, and IPM for Rice. She also was the first to help coordinate the Pest Notes series for urban clientele. As a testament to her generosity and work ethic, she was a recipient of the 2009 Common Threads award, recognizing her contribution to both her local community and agriculture.

In retirement, she plans to keep swimming, finish her internship to attain her Marriage and Family Therapist license, and relax in her backyard hammock.

Ohlendorf earned a B.S. in art education from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and a M.S. in entomology from the University of Maryland,

College Park. She developed pest management manuals for crops grown in the Mid-Atlantic States prior to coming to UC IPM in 1982.

– *Tunyalee Martin*

Terry Salmon



Terry Salmon

Terry Salmon, director of UC Cooperative Extension in San Diego County and wildlife specialist, will retire June 30.

Salmon earned a bachelor's degree in renewable natural resources at UC Davis in 1972 and, after three years in the Coast Guard, completed a master's degree in animal ecology at UC Davis in 1976 and a doctorate in ecology in 1979.

He was immediately hired as a UC Davis Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist. His research and extension program focused on managing vertebrate pests.

Salmon's first research effort looked at ground squirrel control using the fumigant aluminum phosphide, which was ultimately registered for commercial use and remains a squirrel control tool on farms.

In the early 1980s, the concept of integrated pest management was finding favor with many farmers. Salmon believed that such concepts could also apply to the management of birds, rodents, rabbits and deer.

In 1989, Salmon cut back on his research to serve as the director of ANR's Northern Region, which encompassed 21 counties.

While in this position, Salmon was appointed by then-ANR Vice President Ken Farrell to chair a committee reviewing the division's communications programs.

"We didn't have Internet access in county offices. Many advisors believed development of publications was taking too long," Salmon said. "There was sentiment among administrators to outsource our communications needs."

The committee carefully studied projections about the future of communications and developed a reorganization plan. That led to the creation of ANR Communication Services and Information Technology.

When ANR was reorganized in 1999 from four regions into three, Salmon decided to return full time to agricultural research, focusing his studies on reduction of hazards associated with using rodenticides for ground squirrel control.

In 2003, when the county director position in San Diego opened, Salmon applied and was appointed to the role.

Although Salmon split his career between academics and administration, he completed a notable body of research on vertebrate pest management, authoring 167 articles and publications.

During retirement, Salmon plans on continuing his research as an emeritus specialist and doing private consulting. He said he also looks forward to spending

more time with his family, especially at a vacation home in Ensenada, Mexico.

– *Jeannette Warnert*

Read the full story at <http://news.ucanr.org/newsstorymain.cfm?story=1304>.

Carla Sousa



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Carla Sousa's involvement in 4-H started at the age of 3 months, when her dad volunteered as a lifeguard

at 4-H camp near Lake Tahoe. She followed up with 9 years as a 4-H member in San Joaquin County and 33 years as advisor before she retires from 4-H in Tulare County on June 30.

Sousa earned a bachelor's degree in home economics at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, in 1976. That summer, she volunteered as an intern in the San Joaquin County UCCE office. She soon learned of a 4-H home economist position open at the University of Nevada in White Pine and Eureka counties.

Sousa worked in Nevada for almost four years before returning to ANR in 1980 as the 4-H Youth Development advisor in Tulare County.

Tulare County has always had an active 4-H club program. Sousa also coordinated an after-school program using the national 4-H Mini Society curriculum, which introduces youth to economics and entrepreneurship.

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Sousa also pursued community and academic initiatives in Tulare County. One significant project was the "Teen Survival Conference," which she co-founded and oversaw for 20 years. During that time, more than 8,000 Tulare County youth learned about such issues as teen pregnancy prevention, drug avoidance and managing conflict. For her work on the project, Sousa received an award from the National

Association of Extension 4-H Agents.

Sousa graduated summa cum laude with a master's in home economics education from Fresno State. Soon after, she embarked with two colleagues on a seminal research project to better understand the volunteer culture of the San Joaquin Valley's large Latino population. They published Recommendations for Working in Partnership with

Latino Communities in 1997.

Recently, Sousa was part of a team that studied teen drivers and created a safe driving brochure for parents.

Sousa also played a role in developing curricula for the California 4-H program. As co-chair of state curriculum development for six years, she worked on bringing back a system of peer review that had been neglected for 4-H. This position led to her appointment to a national

curriculum design team and a national jury team.

In retirement, Sousa and her husband, retired Fresno County 4-H advisor David Snell, plan to build a home on Whidbey Island in Washington state, golf, enjoy family and travel.

– Jeannette Warnert

Read the full story at <http://news.ucanr.org/newsstorymain.cfm?story=1303>.

Redwood symposium set for June 2011 at UCSC

The Coast Redwood Forest Science Symposium will be held June 20 – 23, 2011, at UC Santa Cruz.

Policies and strategies guiding the use and management of California's coastal ecoregion are dependent on objective scientific information. Attention to this region has increased in recent years. At the same time, much new information has been collected. Each year, the array of decisions affecting lands and natural resources in the redwood region carry more weight, evidence the recent interest in watershed assessment, fish and wildlife recovery efforts and silvicultural changes. This redwood symposium is part of a continuing effort to promote the development and communication of scientific findings to inform management and policy decisions.

A call for papers will be announced in July. The conference is intended for anyone involved in the research, education, management and conservation of coast redwood systems. This includes RPFs, landowners, community groups, land trusts, policymakers, forest managers and funding groups.

It is sponsored by UC Berkeley Center for Forestry, ANR, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Nat. Res. Mgt. Dept. and College of Ag., Food and Env. Sci; Humboldt State University Forestry and Wildland Res. Dept. and College of Nat. Res. and Sci.

For more information, see [Redwood Symposium flyer ver 4 0 \(2\)](#) or <http://ucanr.org/sites/redwood>.

In memoriam



Dorothy Louise Myers Thurber, UC Cooperative Extension home economics advisor emeritus, passed away April 24 in Visalia at age 85.

Thurber earned a bachelor's degree in home economics from UC Santa Barbara in 1946, then went to work for the Southern California-Arizona Conference of the Methodist Church. In 1947 she joined UCCE as a 4-H advisor in Fresno County, where she later met farm advisor Seymour Thurber. They married in 1956 and she left UCCE to become chair of the home economics department at Modesto Junior College.

In 1972, after earning a master's degree in home economics at the University of Nevada, Reno, Thurber returned to UCCE as home economics advisor for Tulare County. In 1976, she transferred to Sacramento County, where she was involved in nutrition education for migrant and immigrant families. She retired from UC in 1991.

Thurber is survived by daughter Chris Adams and her husband Bill, grandsons Trent and Reid Adams, and sister Elizabeth Crawford.

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