

## ANR assigned \$6.2 million reduction; budget committee formed

Senior UC leaders have established budget targets to absorb a \$500 million reduction in state funding for the fiscal year that begins July 1. The Office of the President has assigned ANR a \$6.2 million reduction for FY 2011-12. With the state budget still uncertain, they hope to present a final budget for regental approval in July.

To develop a well-considered budget reduction plan for ANR, VP Dooley has appointed a budget committee to develop scenarios for accommodating the \$6.2 million reduction.

The committee is composed of Jennifer Bunge, associate director of ANR Budget Office; Morgan Doran, UCCE

advisor in Solano County; Cheryl Gould, UC IPM administrative coordinator; Beth Grafton-Cardwell, Lindcove Research and Extension Center director and UCCE specialist; Rose Hayden-Smith, ANR Sustainable Food Systems Strategic Initiative Leader and UCCE advisor in Ventura County; Darren Haver, South Coast Research and Extension director and UCCE advisor in Orange County; Neil McDougald, UCCE county director in Madera County and UCCE advisor; Larry Schwankl, UCCE specialist located at Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center; and Jim Sullins, UCCE county director in Tulare County and UCCE advisor. Co-chairs are Kay

Harrison Taber, ANR associate vice president-Business Operations, and Bill Frost, associate director of Research and Extension Centers. Donna Jones, ANR budget director, and Peggy Michel, deputy to the AVP-Business Operations, serve as resource staff.

The committee initially met May 16 and reviewed work conducted in previous budget analyses. They will discuss the reduction level and prepare budget scenarios to be presented to Program Council at the June 8 meeting. Program Council will discuss the scenarios and provide comments and recommendations to the ANR Executive Working Group.

## County structure task forces forming

ANR is forming task forces to evaluate UC Cooperative Extension structure in the counties. The county structure task forces will be charged with collecting the data on staffing, facilities, transportation, information technology and administration for their county CE programs, including funding from UC, county government, grants and other sources. This information will be organized and will serve as the basis for evaluating our future structure of local delivery.

The task forces will be organized around counties with historical affinities, and in some cases from declarations by the counties that they want to pursue a

multi-county partnership within the grouping. The ultimate structure of our county programs will be informed from evaluation of the data provided by these task forces and other study groups within ANR.

The county groupings for the task forces are as follows:

- Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara
- Butte, Tehama, Glenn, Sutter, Colusa, Yuba
- Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings, Kern
- Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, Lake
- Marin, Sonoma, Napa
- Imperial, San Diego, Riverside
- Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino
- Mariposa, Merced,

- Stanislaus, San Joaquin
- Modoc, Siskiyou, Shasta, Trinity
- Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz
- Placer-Nevada, Sacramento, Yolo, Solano
- San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

Cooperative Extension advisors and county-based program representatives were asked to nominate one person per county to join the county director for their respective county on a county structure task force. The deadline for nominations was May 20.

Each task force charge will be finalized and communicated as soon as the task force members have been identified.

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## PAC discusses budget, wildfire, nutrition and food safety

UC needs a stable, long-term funding plan, President Yudof told his President's Advisory Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources when they met May 5 at the Doubletree Hotel in Berkeley.

Yudof said there are three major elements to UC's mission that must be preserved: quality, access and public service.

"We have to maintain the quality. That means being competitive for the best faculty and staff," he said, adding that UC salaries have fallen behind comparable institutions.

"Public service has been part of our history for so long," Yudof said. "Agriculture is a poster child for that and it has demonstrated an impact on productivity."

Yudof was joined by Patrick Lenz, vice president for Budget and Capital Resources and Nathan

Brostrom, executive vice president for Business Operations, in saying an all-cuts state budget would be devastating for the university. UC is already facing a \$500 million reduction to \$2.5 billion. An all-cuts state budget would likely drive UC's state support down to a total of \$2 billion.

They pointed out that the state general funds contributions per UC student have declined from \$16,720 in 1990-91 to \$7,210 in 2011-12. For the first time in UC history, students are contributing more funds than the state – \$7,930.

While UC has a number of options for savings on a one-time basis – including debt restructuring, increased returns from short-term investments, and administrative savings from common business systems – Lenz said he is concerned about the future.

"If there isn't additional revenue, I don't see where there will be additional investment in the next 4 to 5 years," Lenz said.

### ANR Update

VP Dooley briefed the PAC on the initial five ANR advisor positions approved for recruitment and the multi-county partnership under way for Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado and Tuolumne counties. He also announced that the search for the director for the California Water Resources Research Institute (CWRI) is in its final phase and should be completed soon.

### Wildfire

Bill Stewart, UC Cooperative Extension specialist and co-director of the Center for Forestry at UC Berkeley, and Steve Quarles, Cooperative Extension wood durability advisor based in Contra Costa County, gave a presentation on UC's wildfire research and outreach. Quarles described some of the research that has led to recommendations for homeowners to protect their houses from fire and to improved building codes and insurance regulations for fire-prone areas in California and nationally.

### EatFit

Marilyn Townsend, UC Cooperative Extension nutrition education specialist based at UC Davis, and Marcel Horowitz, Youth Development, Nutrition, Family and Consumer Science Advisor for Yolo County, described their award-winning **EatFit** Nutrition Education Program for youth. They described the curriculum's new type of goal-setting: guided goal setting, which enables adolescents to feel they are making their decisions independent from adults. Although **EatFit** is a health intervention, research showed that academic performance also improved among the participants.

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## PAC welcomes 4 new members

VP Dooley has appointed four new members to the President's Advisory Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources: Chuck Ahlem, Ted Batkin, Ashley Boren and Eric Holst. All four attended the meeting on May 5.

**Chuck Ahlem** is the owner and operator of the Charles Ahlem Ranch, co-owner of Hilmar Cheese Company and partner in Jerseyland Sires. Ahlem was a founding member of the PAC, serving from its inception in 1998 until 2004, when then Governor Schwarzenegger appointed Ahlem undersecretary for the California Department of Food and Agriculture. He currently serves on the California Animal Health and Food Safety Advisory Board, the California Dairy Council Board, California Milk Manufacturing Board, Sustainable Conservation Board, and California Dairy Research Foundation Board. He also is a member of the UC Ag Issues Center Advisory Board. Ahlem earned a bachelor's degree in dairy science from CSU Fresno.

**Ted Batkin** is president of the Citrus Research Board, based in Visalia. Batkin is a fourth-generation California grower. He serves as co-chair of the California Huanglongbing/Asian Citrus Psyllid Taskforce and the California Invasive Pest Coalition and is a member of the USDA-APHIS Citrus Health Response Program Council. He is also a member of the UC IPM Exotic Pest and Disease Committee and the UC Riverside Chancellor's Ag Advisory Committee. Batkin earned his bachelor's degree from CSU Fresno, and master's in physics from the University of South Carolina.

**Ashley Boren** is executive director of Sustainable Conservation. She began her career at The Nature Conservancy in program development and fundraising. She serves on the California State Board of Food and Agriculture. She is also on the Executive Committee of the UC Davis Ag Sustainability Institute's External Advisory Board. Boren earned a bachelor's degree in human biology, a master's in applied economics and an MBA from Stanford University.

**Eric Holst** is managing director of the Environmental Defense Fund's Center for Conservation Incentives in Sacramento. He has expertise in developing strategies for wildlife conservation and habitat restoration on working forests, farms and ranches. Prior to joining EDF, he worked as an independent consultant, advising foundations and conservation organizations on conservation strategy and policy development. Holst earned a master's degree in environmental management from Duke University and a bachelor's degree in botany from UC Davis.

## Yudof responds to May Revise

Governor Jerry Brown released his revised state budget proposal on May 16. The governor's revised budget holds UC cuts to \$500 million, but also described reductions that would be proposed should the state adopt an "all-cuts" budget in lieu of extending certain temporary taxes.

"The governor in his budget document asserted that, in an all-cuts budget, reductions in state funding for the University of California would be doubled, to \$1 billion in cuts," President Yudof said in a statement released in response to the proposal.

"Doubling the cut would reduce the state's contribution to the university's core funds – monies that pay professors and staff members, light the libraries, maintain the campuses, and all the rest – to roughly \$2 billion. State funding of UC at this diminished level has not been seen since the early 1990s, a time when the university enrolled 80,000 fewer students."

Yudof's full response can be read at <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/25564>.



Mark Yudof

## PAC discusses budget

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### Food safety

Bart Weimer, UC Davis professor in the School of Veterinary Medicine, explained UC's food safety research and outreach activities and future directions. Major areas requiring further research to improve food safety include rapid detection strategies, genomics and systems biology, balancing regulation with science, and strategies for pathogen mitigation and reduction, he said. As an example of how complex the issue of food safety is, Weimer said there are 2,800 different types of salmonella and each one behaves differently.

Four new PAC members attended the meeting: Chuck Ahlem, Ted Batkin, Ashley Boren and Eric Holst (see sidebar pg. 2). The PAC will meet next on Oct. 20.

## CS Update

### "Like" the ANR Catalog Facebook page

The ANR Catalog has a Facebook page at <http://facebook.com/UCANR.Catalog>. New ANR publications and specials are announced on the Facebook page.

For a list of other ANR social networking sites, see [http://ucanr.org/sites/UCANR/Social\\_Networking/](http://ucanr.org/sites/UCANR/Social_Networking/). If you have an active blog, Facebook, Twitter or YouTube site that isn't listed on the ANR social networking page, send its URL and a description to [pskanrice@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pskanrice@ucdavis.edu).

### Tag yourself for ANR's taxonomy project

ANR has launched the Taxonomy Project to create an inventory of our collective skills. We're asking everyone in ANR to identify their areas of expertise, commodities they work with, languages spoken and so on.

This information will be most valuable for new ANR employees to find out who else works in their subject area, but it will be helpful to everyone in the Division. You may wonder, "Who else is working in the Sustainable Food Systems strategic initiative?" With the Taxonomy Project, you will be able to click on the category and see a list of names.

Go through the list of commodities, knowledge areas, programs and strategic initiatives and connect yourself to any topic that is appropriate.

We have already imported a lot of data from DANRIS, and a few other locations, but self-identification improves accuracy. The information is accessible to ANR members via the ANR portal.

To read more about the taxonomy project or to get started, go to <https://ucanr.org/portal/taxonomy.cfm>.

## Names in the News

### EatFit honored by WEDA

**E**atFit, a health promotion for adolescents, has been named as the recipient of the Western Extension Director's Award of Excellence for 2011.

The program was developed, implemented and evaluated by a team of UC specialists and advisors: Marilyn Townsend, UC Cooperative Extension nutrition education specialist based at Davis; Lucrecia Farfan-Ramirez, UCCE director for Alameda County and child nutrition advisor for Alameda County; Marcel Horowitz, UCCE 4-H youth development advisor for Yolo County; Margaret C. Johns, UCCE nutrition, family & consumer sciences advisor for Kern County; Cathi Lamp, UCCE nutrition, family & consumer sciences advisor for Tulare County; Anna Martin, UCCE nutrition, family & consumer sciences advisor for San Joaquin County; Lenna Ontai, UCCE family & early childhood specialist based at Davis; and Dorothy Smith, UCCE director for Amador County and nutrition, family & consumer sciences advisor for Amador and Calaveras counties. Mical Shilts, CSU Sacramento professor, is also part of the team.

As documented in eight refereed journals, EatFit promotes healthy eating behavior among youth. Using nine lessons and a Web-based eating analysis, it provides a fun, flexible and interactive way for teachers and educators to integrate obesity prevention and nutrition education into their programs, particularly at schools in low-income communities. The nutrition program and its published evaluation studies with their advisor-driven research questions demonstrate the research-driving program-driving-research continuum.

Students participating in EatFit adopted healthy eating and physical activity behaviors while improving their academic performance in mathematics and language arts.

The award will be presented at the Western Regional Deans and Directors meeting, July 13, in Waikiki Beach, Hawaii.

### Pittenger wins for research kudos

**D**ennis Pittenger, area environmental horticulture advisor for Southern California, received the Arboriculture Research Award from the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture at its 77th Annual Conference in La Jolla in May.



Dennis Pittenger

The award recognizes "outstanding contribution to research that has contributed substantially to the sum knowledge of arboriculture."

"I am honored to receive this award because it represents recognition from members of an industry I have attempted to serve in my research program," said Pittenger. "Also, much of my research contribution is the result of effective collaborations with my UC colleagues."

Pittenger's research focuses on water needs of landscapes, tree species selection and tree root management.

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Diana Dooley, secretary of California Department of Health and Human Services, center, talks with UCCE 4-H youth advisors Charles Go, left, and Richard Mahacek, about potential UC-CDHHS collaborations at the Healthy Families & Communities Strategic Initiative Conference. Dooley, the keynote speaker, talked about "health in all policies," "doing less with less" and partnering with UC to work toward common goals.



### Symposium features genomics-based breeding in forest trees

The dynamic world of genomics-based breeding in forest trees will take center stage at UC Davis, June 22-24, when the Conifer Translational Genomics Network hosts its first-ever international symposium, "Genomics-based Breeding in Forest Trees."

Researchers, breeders and students will gather to review the status of genomic resources in forest trees and to define a clear path to operational application of marker-informed breeding.

"Dramatic changes in genomic tool development coupled with evolving approaches to marker application make this a perfect time to address the status of genomics-based breeding in forest trees," said David Neale, UC Davis plant sciences professor, who is helping organize the event.

To showcase capacities and applications, the symposium will feature plenary speakers from leading agricultural, horticultural and animal improvement programs using molecular marker technologies.

"To spotlight work on forest tree species, we have also enlisted speakers working with markers in forestry," said Neale, editor-in-chief of the international journal *Tree Genetics and Genomics* and founder of the Dendrome Project, a forest tree genome database. "The symposium will provide case studies and progress reports from a range of organisms, not just trees."

The symposium will be held at the UC Davis Buehler Visitor Center. Registration is required. Until May 31, registration fees are \$250 general and \$150 student. To register, go to <http://dendrome.ucdavis.edu/ctgn/educationextension/2011SympReg.php>. Symposium details are at <http://dendrome.ucdavis.edu/ctgn/educationextension/2011symposium.php>.

### In memoriam

#### Evelyn Wunderlich

Evelyn Wunderlich, the first female Cooperative Extension county director for Humboldt County, died May 6 after a 2 1/2-year battle with brain cancer. She was 74.



Evelyn Wunderlich

Born in Port Huron, Mich., she earned a BA in home economics from California State College, Long Beach in 1969.

Wunderlich joined Cooperative Extension in 1969 as a home advisor for Humboldt County and 4-H/home economics advisor for Del Norte County. In 1972, she added 4-H youth advisor to her title for both counties. She was appointed county director for Humboldt and Del Norte counties in 1983.

Deborah Giraud, UCCE advisor in Humboldt County, fondly remembers Wunderlich as a strong supporter of the next generation of advisors she hired on the North Coast.

"Evelyn was an extraordinarily friendly and outgoing person who strived in her career to help people help themselves," Giraud said.

During her career, Wunderlich worked with 4-H youth and conducted workshops for adults on food preservation, seafood safety, nutrition and low-income financial management, often partnering with colleagues at College of the Redwoods, Humboldt State University, government agencies and community groups. She produced a newsletter and weekly radio shows delivering food, nutrition and consumer information. She also produced two 12-week TV series called "Northcoast Consumer Kaleidoscope" with a local television station in the 1980s. In 1991, she received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Extension Home Economists.

After 21 years of service, Wunderlich retired with emeritus status in 1991.

Wunderlich is survived by her husband of 53 years John of Fortuna, her daughters Cynthia (Calvin) Shultz and Catherine (Peter) Carson; grandchildren Jonathan (Tracy), Brice, Nicholas, Rosemary Shultz, Elliot and Julian Carson; and great granddaughter Arwen Watkins-Shultz. Her sister Peggy preceded her in death by 25 days.

In her memory, the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society designated for Brain Cancer Research.

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