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Join the #Food2025 conversation on Twitter

Everyone is welcome to join the Twitter conversation on issues that will be discussed at the April 9 Global Food Systems Forum. The discussion topic for next week (March 24-30): environmental pressures facing our global food systems and potential solutions. To participate in the Twitter discussion, use hashtag #Food2025.

If you haven't used Twitter but would like to join the conversation, Karl Krist has posted a 3-minute video to bring you up to speed. Watch it on our YouTube channel – <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFNaKHiHkRU>

ANR finds a new home in Davis

ANR will move more than 150 employees from six Davis locations into one location in East Davis at the end of this year. The new office building is located at 2801 Second Street in Davis.

Currently ANR employees are located in several locations in Davis and on campus. Employees in the administrative offices for the Research and Extension Centers, Integrated Pest Management Program, Master Gardener Program, and the Youth, Family and Communities Programs (including 4-H Youth Development Program and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program) will move into the new building. They will be joined by the Business Operations Center, Communication Services and Information Technology, Contracts and Grants, Staff Personnel, Academic Personnel, Program Support, Environmental Health and Safety, and Facilities Planning and Management.

The Agricultural Issues Center and the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program will remain on campus. No one will move from Oakland or Richmond.

Originally built as an indoor roller hockey rink, the building was later used as the temporary home of the Yolo County Library and the Explorit Science Center. Interior renovations are planned for the existing approximately 33,000 square feet, and 9,600 square feet of a partial second floor will be installed in the rink portion of the building.

“With our administrative and statewide program staff co-located in one building in Davis, we will be able to work more efficiently to meet the needs of Californians statewide,” said VP Barbara Allen-Diaz. “We also anticipate savings on energy and other costs by renovating an existing building to meet LEED Certified Interior standards.”

ANR reached an agreement for the purchase and renovation of the building with John Buckel and Rod Johnson of Capital Partners Development Company and Sam, Gwen and Jeff Harrison of the Davis Indoor Sports Center, LLC.

“The negotiated purchase price for the building including all the renovations is \$8.1 million,” said Jan Corlett, the VP’s chief of staff, who is overseeing the project. “No state funds are being used to buy the building.”

Construction will begin April 3.



ANR will move Davis-based employees into the former Davis Indoor Sports Center on Second Street.

New CE specialist and advisor positions approved for hiring

Continuing her commitment to hiring Cooperative Extension specialists and advisors, VP Allen-Diaz has released more positions for future rounds of hiring.

These positions are now in the queue and will be released for recruitment as we are sure funding is available to move forward. To address unforeseen critical gaps as they emerge, the hiring schedule may vary. Some positions have been, or may be, modified based upon timely programmatic analyses.

As a reminder, these positions emerged from the process where more than 120 Cooperative Extension positions were proposed and a thorough review was conducted. This review included the consideration of more than 800 comments from individuals, agricultural organizations, governmental agencies, youth and nutrition coalitions, and many others. The process also involved reviews by Cooperative Extension county directors, college/school leadership, and ANR Program Teams, among others. This process resulted in ANR's Program Council recommending 50+ high-priority positions. The positions being released are among those included in this high priority list.

As with the current recruitments, future hiring will be in phases over time to enable us to accomplish the search and hiring process in an orderly fashion, evaluate resources on a real-time basis, deal with unexpected changes in staffing, and address unanticipated issues as they arise.

CE specialist and advisor positions approved for hiring (location, counties or campus):

Round 4 (approximately September/October 2013 release)

- Area 4-H Youth Development Advisor (Kings, Tulare, Fresno)
- Area Viticulture Advisor (Fresno, Madera, Merced)
- Area Youth, Families and Community Advisor (Placer, Nevada)
- Agricultural Applications Specialist (Housed at Kearney Agricultural REC)
- Winegrape Viticulture Specialist (Housed at Oakville, College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, UCD)
- Rangeland Specialist (CAES, UCD or College of Natural Resources, UCB)

- Area IPM Advisor (Sacramento Valley)

Round 5 (approximately February 2014 release)

- Area Subtropical Horticulture Advisor (Riverside, San Diego)
- Area Dairy Advisor (Glenn County as headquarters)
- Area Vertebrate Pest Advisor (South Coast REC as headquarters)
- Area 4-H Youth Development Advisor (Sutter, Colusa, Yuba)
- Area 4-H Youth Development Advisor (San Bernardino, Riverside)
- Forest Health Specialist (CNR, UCB)
- Small- to Industry-Scale Poultry Specialist (CAES, UCD)
- Vegetable Crop Pathology Specialist (College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences, UCR)

Round 6 (approximately May 2014 release)

- Area Range and Livestock Advisor (Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito)
- Area Small Farm Advisor (Sacramento, Yolo, Solano)
- Grain Cropping Systems Specialist (CAES, UCD)
- Postharvest Systems Specialist (CAES, UCD)
- Public Policy Specialist (CAES, UCD)
- Area Dairy Advisor (Madera, Fresno)
- Area IPM Advisor (Southern California)

Round 7 (approximately September/October 2014)

- Area IPM Advisor (Northern San Joaquin Valley)
- Water Resources and Climate Change Adaptation Specialist (CNR, UCB)
- Area Natural Resource – Livestock Advisor (Madera, Fresno)
- Area Weed Ecology Advisor (Lassen, Plumas, Sierra, Modoc)
- Area Orchard Systems Advisor (Southern San Joaquin Valley)

"California Agriculture" license plates to fund 4-H and ag education

Proceeds from sales of the new "California Agriculture" license plates will be used to support agricultural education programs, including 4-H. The project spearheaded by the California Department of Food and Agriculture began about five years ago. The Department of Motor Vehicles required at least 7,500 pre-orders before approving the license plate. They received the minimum of pre-orders and now the plates are being produced and can be ordered at <http://apps.dmv.ca.gov/forms/reg/reg17.pdf>.

Annette Leeland, executive director of the 4-H Foundation, spoke with Josh Eddy, executive director of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture, to learn how the license plate proceeds will be distributed.

"A small portion of the plate fee, about \$1 per plate, will go into a fund every year when a license plate is renewed or a new plate purchased," Leeland said. "The fund will be used to issue grants from CDFA to organizations doing agricultural education. The grant eligibility and distribution process are currently being determined."

"Please help spread the word about the new California Agriculture license plates," said Shannon Dogan, associate director of 4-H Program & Policy. "This is an important movement in raising the profile of agriculture and helping to support the next generation of agriculture's innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders."

For more information about California Agriculture license plates, visit <https://secure.cdfa.ca.gov/egov/calagplate>.



Vet Med opens new research building

UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine recently celebrated the public opening of a new four-story, \$58.5 million research building dedicated to making discoveries in basic science as well as human, animal and environmental health.

The new building—Veterinary Medicine 3B—houses part of the school's \$63.7 million research enterprise, which is the largest in the nation among veterinary colleges.

"Research discoveries begin with an idea, as did the planning for this facility," said Michael Lairmore, dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, during the opening ceremonies, which drew more than 200 guests and members of the campus community. "I am humbled by the vision of my predecessors and so very grateful that they built a facilities foundation and future for us. Their collective efforts over more than four decades are also indicative of the ongoing discoveries associated with improving animal, human and environmental health, which take time and many, many partners and participants."

The new Veterinary Medicine Research Facility 3B provides modern biomedical research space for 40 teams that are engaged in a broad spectrum of research related to animal, human and environmental health. Their studies focus on a variety of topics including diseases that affect animals and humans, autism, nutrition, reproduction, respiratory disease, neurobiology, food safety, toxicology and aquatic toxicology.

In all, the new building provides 76,000 square feet of assignable space. It is located northeast of the school's Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. The building replaces antiquated facilities at various campus locations and is UC Davis' newest research hub.

The total construction costs of \$58.5 million were paid with \$45.3 million in state funds, \$7.7 million in private funds from donors and foundations, and \$5.5 million in university funds. The building was constructed to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Gold certification for environmental standards.

Images of the building and background on research programs to be housed in the facility are available at <http://photos.ucdavis.edu/albums.php?albumId=225779>.

– Trina Wood



The new Veterinary Medicine 3B provides modern biomedical research space for 40 teams that are engaged in a broad spectrum of research. Photo by Don Preisler

ANR seeks associate editors

Recruitment is under way for ANR associate editors in two subject areas: land, air and water resources (a second associate editor in this area) and vegetable crops.

Associate editors are nominated by the Communications Advisory Board and appointed by Bill Frost, associate director of Cooperative Extension, to manage the peer-review process for ANR educational publications and materials. In doing so, associate editors ensure that the content of ANR publications, videos and online curricula is as accurate as possible. Associate editors also encourage authors to write new publications and revise older publications. They serve as a link between Communication Services and Information Technology and ANR programs. Associate editors significantly contribute to the quality of ANR extension and outreach programs statewide. The new associate editors' terms are four years, beginning July 1, 2013.

To nominate yourself or a colleague for associate editor in one of the above subject areas, please provide the following information: candidate's name, address, phone number, email address, areas of expertise, length of service with ANR, workgroup or continuing conferences to which candidate belongs, and description of candidate's prior involvement with both CSIT and ANR and/or other peer review processes. Send nominations by April 19 to David Lewis, chair of the Communications Advisory Board's recruitment subcommittee, at djllewis@ucanr.edu.

For more information about the responsibilities of ANR associate editors, contact Mary Louise Flint, associate editor chair, at (530) 752-7692 or mlflint@ucanr.edu; or Ann Senuta, CSIT publications manager, at (530) 754-3908 or aesenuta@ucanr.edu.

Names in the News

Kearns joins water institute

Faith Kearns joined ANR as a water policy analyst for the California Institute for Water Resources on March 1. She will assist CIWR director Doug Parker in coordinating water-related research, extension and education efforts across the 10 UC campuses and across the ANR system.



Faith Kearns

Prior to returning to UC, Kearns was an officer with the Ocean Science Division of the Pew Environment Group in Washington D.C., where she collaborated with policy and advocacy staff to integrate scientific information into campaigns using a variety of scientific, technical and communications approaches. From 2005 through 2009, she was the associate director of the Center for Fire Research and Outreach at UC Berkeley. She also has developed science communication projects at the Ecological Society of America, served as an AAAS Science and Policy Fellow at the U.S. Department of State and worked as a research and communications associate at UC Berkeley's Center for Forestry.

Kearns earned a bachelor's degree in environmental science, geology and political science from Northern Arizona University and a Ph.D. in environmental science, policy, and management from UC Berkeley. Her doctoral studies focused on urban freshwater ecosystems, landscape ecology, and web-based tools for natural resource management.

Kearns is based at UCOP in room 10106D and can be reached at (510) 987-9124 and Faith.Kearns@ucop.edu.

Primm, Ramzan join Staff Personnel

Tameka Primm and Sana Ramzan have joined ANR's Staff Personnel Unit at the ANR building in Davis.

Primm joined ANR on March 18 as an HR analyst IV and will be supporting ANR with research and analytical tasks in the Staff Personnel Unit. She brings with her nine years of HR generalist experience. Most recently, she has been responsible for administering benefits, compensation, classification, and recruitment tasks for a local government contractor. She is returning to the UC system after a seven-year hiatus from UC San Francisco's partnership with the California Department of Public Health in Sacramento where she worked as a project coordinator managing efforts to reduce sedentary living and to promote physical activity amongst Californians.

She earned a B.A. in communication studies with emphasis in public relations from CSU Sacramento.

Primm can be reached at (530) 754-8513 and trprimm@ucanr.edu.

Sana Ramzan joined the Staff Personnel Unit on March 19 as an HR analyst II. She will be providing analytical assistance in the area of classification, recruitment, leave administration and salary administration.

She began her career at the UC Davis School of Law assisting with faculty recruitment. Most recently she served as an HR generalist at the UCD Shared Services Center, where she advised administrative units on various HR issues including employment, classification, compensation actions, benefits, business process analysis and quality improvement.

She graduated from UC Davis with a bachelor's degree in managerial economics.

Ramzan can be reached at (530) 752-6356 and sramzan@ucanr.edu.



Tameka Primm



Ag Day at the Capitol

VP Barbara Allen-Diaz greeted 4-H members at Ag Day at the Capitol on March 20 in Sacramento. Earlier in the day, Assemblyman Frank Bigelow (R-O'Neals) presented a resolution honoring California 4-H's centennial anniversary. ANR was well-represented at Ag Day. ANR, Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 4-H and the UC Davis College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences had exhibits. Eric Mussen, CE specialist in the Department of Entomology at UC Davis, helped the California Beekeepers Association educate visitors about bees. More Ag Day photos are posted on the ANR Facebook page.

California Naturalist program seeks partners

UC's statewide California Naturalist program has advanced from the pilot stage and is seeking more partners to train citizen scientists.

Hopland Research & Extension Center, which will be offering the UC California Naturalist certificate class in April, is one of seven locations offering classes. The 10-week, 40-hour course uses a science curriculum, hands-on learning, communication training, field trips and project-based learning to teach participants about the unique ecology and natural history of California.

California Naturalist was launched in 2012 by Adina Merenlender, UCCE specialist in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management at UC Berkeley, with guidance from a UC ANR internal advisory board. Sabrina Drill, UCCE advisor in Los Angeles and Ventura counties, is seeking new sponsoring organizations for the program in Southern California.

The curriculum is based on *The California Naturalist Handbook* by Greg de Nevers, Deborah Stanger Edelman and Merenlender.

"We are looking for help writing regional module pamphlets to cover these areas in more detail than the current curriculum goes into because it's written at statewide scale," Merenlender said.

Regional modules include:

- Bay/Delta
- Central Coast
- Colorado and Mojave Deserts
- South Coast
- Sacramento Valley
- San Joaquin Valley
- Northern Sierra
- Southern Sierra
- Klamath/North Coast
- Modoc

They also welcome curriculum for habitat types, including urban, oak woodlands, deserts, coastal forests and so on.

The program is designed to foster a committed corps of volunteer naturalists and citizen scientists to take an active role in natural resource conservation, education and restoration.

Unlike the UC Statewide Master Gardeners Program, California Naturalist does not require its graduates to volunteer. However, a

survey of 95 California Naturalists found that 60 percent volunteered more time and 58 percent volunteered to do more activities.

The National Science Foundation recently awarded a grant to investigators Merenlender and Heidi Ballard, professor in the Department of Education at UC Davis, to foster diversity and citizen science. Drill also received a Renewable Resources Extension Act grant for the program.

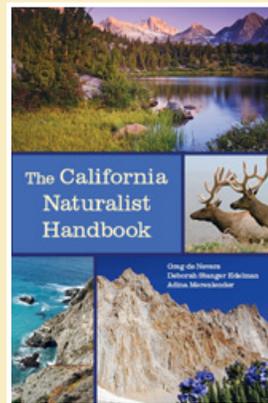
Academics who are interested in starting the California Naturalist program in their area, willing to act as points of contact for local sponsors or

have ideas for advanced modules can contact Brook Gamble, the new California Naturalist program representative at the Hopland Research and Extension Center, at (707) 744-1424, Ext. 108, and bgamble@ucanr.edu.

ANR personnel in Southern California who are interested in getting involved with the California Naturalist program can contact Drill at (626) 586-1975 and sdrill@ucanr.edu.

The California Naturalist Handbook is available from UC Press. For a 20 percent discount, use source code 13W3981 at <http://ucpress.edu/go/calnaturalist>.

California Naturalist is on Facebook at [facebook.com/CANaturalist](https://www.facebook.com/CANaturalist) and its Twitter handle is @CANaturalist. To join an online California Naturalist field data collection project, download the iNaturalist mobile app. For more information about the California Naturalist program, visit <http://ucanr.org/sites/UCCNP>.



Meet at UC ANR Statewide Conference

The California Naturalist program will meet in Ontario on Wednesday, April 10, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Cajon Peak room). Adina Merenlender will give updates on the program and ask interested colleagues to suggest improvements and contribute to the future of this new statewide effort.

Seats remain for preconference tours

Seats are rapidly filling for April 8 preconference tours, but a few are still available on Tour #1 of Coachella Valley and Tour #3 of San Diego County. In addition, a couple of seats have opened up on Tour #2 of urban San Bernardino and Orange counties.

All three tours are described at http://ucanr.edu/sites/statewideconference2013/Program/Tours_-_April_8. If you've already registered for the ANR Statewide Conference and would like to add a Monday tour, send an email to anrprogramsupport@ucanr.edu.



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