

Minutes of the Meeting of The Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors



**Stanley Hotel
Estes Park, CO
September 26, 2011**

Summary of Actions/Appointments

Approved agenda as modified 4

Unanimously approved minutes of the July 10-13, 2011 meeting 4

Unanimously approved resolution for Donald Cooksey 33

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**WAAESD Fall Meeting
September 26, 2011
Estes Park, CO
Minutes**

Participation:

Alaska	Carol Lewis	New Mexico	David Thompson
Arizona	Colin Kaltenbach		Steve Loring
Colorado	Lee Sommers	Washington	Ralph Cavalieri
	Craig Beyroudy		Michael Kahn
California	Barbara Allen-Diaz	Wyoming	Bret Hess
Guam	Greg Wiecko	OTHERS:	
Idaho	Donn Thill	ARS	Mickey McGuire
Montana	Jeff Jacobsen	CGA	Jim Richards
Nevada	Ron Pardini	OWDA	H. M. Harrington
			Harriet Sykes

Agenda:

- 1.0 Introductions and Announcements Jeff Jacobsen
- 2.0 Adoption of Agenda, Approval of Minutes July 2011 Meeting (see
<http://www.waaesd.org/wp-content/uploads/Folders/Research/Research-Agendas-Minutes/2011sumin.pdf>)
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- 3.0 Interim Actions of Chair Jeff Jacobsen
- 4.0 Treasurer's Report Jeff Jacobsen
- 5.0 Local ARS Update Mickey McGuire/Will Blackburn
- 6.0 Farm Bill and One-Line Budget Proposal Mike Harrington
- 7.0 Administrative Assistant Search Update Mike Harrington
- 8.0 ED Report Mike Harrington
- 9.0 NRSP RC Recommendations and Balloting Ralph Cavalieri
- 10.0 MRC Reminders Harriet Sykes
- 11.0 Federal Reporting Mike Kahn/Mike Harrington
- 12.0 Future Meetings:
 - Spring Meeting 2012 Barbara Allen-Diaz
 - Joint Summer Meeting 2012 Mike Harrington

13.0	Resolutions	
14.0	Changing of the Guard	Jeff Jacobsen
15.0	Adjourn	Barbara Allen-Diaz

Agenda Item 1.0: Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions

Presenter: Jeff Jacobsen

Background:

Jacobsen called the meeting to order.

The attendees introduced themselves.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 2.0: Adoption of Agenda, Approval of Minutes of July 2011 Meeting

Presenter: Jeff Jacobsen

Background:

A request was made by Mike Kahn and Mike Harrington to add an agenda item on Federal Reporting as a result of the National Outcomes and Indicators Workshop held February 21-24, 2011 in New Orleans, LA.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as modified with the addition of Agenda Item 11.0 Federal Reporting.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 2011 Meeting (see <http://www.waaesd.org/wp-content/uploads/Folders/Research/Research-Agendas-Minutes/2011sumin.pdf>)

Action Requested: Approval of the modified agenda and approval of the minutes of the July 2011 Meeting

Action Taken: Approved the modified agenda

Approved the Minutes of the July 2011 Meeting as posted on the WAAESD web site

Agenda Item 3.0: Interim Actions of Chair

Presenter: Jeff Jacobsen

Background:

Jacobsen reported that he had taken no interim actions and had participated in the regularly scheduled WAAESD Executive Committee conference calls.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 4.0: Treasurer's Report

Presenter: Jeff Jacobsen

Background:

**WESTERN DIRECTOR EXPERIMENT STATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY2012**

26-Sep-11

ASSESSMENTS	FY 12 Assessments	Outstanding Assessments	Payment Received	Balance Due
Alaska	\$ 11,207.07		\$ 11,207.07	\$ -
Am Samoa	600.00		600.00	-
Arizona	19,588.89		19,588.89	-
California	30,884.23			30,884.23
Colorado	23,084.39		23,084.39	-
CSU Rent	(7,800.00)		(7,800.00)	-
Guam	10,926.04		10,926.04	-
Hawaii	14,493.80		14,493.80	-
Idaho	17,401.81		17,401.81	-
Micronesia	600.00		600.00	-
Montana	18,379.24		18,379.24	-
Nevada	14,249.46		14,249.46	-
New Mexico	14,750.39		14,750.39	-
Northern Marianas	600.00			600.00
Oregon	22,179.19		22,179.19	-
Utah	19,435.60		19,435.60	-
Washington	25,944.63		25,944.63	-
Wyoming	16,534.27		16,534.27	-
Assessment Total	\$ 253,059.00	\$ -	\$ 221,574.78	\$ 31,484.23

INCOME / EXPENSE

Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
7/1/11	Balance forward			\$ 122,021.96
	YTD Assessments Received	\$ 221,574.78		343,596.74
	<u>Interest Earned</u>			
	July	43.24		343,639.98
	August	66.19		343,706.17
	September			343,706.17
	October			343,706.17
	November			343,706.17
	December			343,706.17
	January			343,706.17
	February			343,706.17
	March			343,706.17
	April			343,706.17
	May			343,706.17
	June			343,706.17
7/1/11	MT Accounting Fee		\$ 3,500.00	340,206.17
	<u>CSU Payments</u>			340,206.17
	FY11 Fourth Quarter			340,206.17
	First Quarter			340,206.17
	Second Quarter			340,206.17
	Third Quarter			340,206.17
	Fourth Quarter			340,206.17
Total		\$ 221,684.21	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 340,206.17

**WESTERN DIRECTOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY2012**

26-Sep-11

ASSESSMENTS	FY 12 Assessments	Outstanding Assessments	Payment Received	Balance Due
Alaska	\$ 1,313.79		\$ 1,313.79	\$ -
Am Samoa	200.00		200.00	-
Arizona	1,313.79		1,313.79	-
California	1,313.79			1,313.79
Colorado	1,313.79		\$ 1,313.79	-
Guam	1,313.79		1,313.79	-
Hawaii	1,313.79		1,313.79	-
Idaho	1,313.79		1,313.79	-
Micronesia	200.00		200.00	-
Montana	1,313.79		1,313.79	-
Nevada	1,313.79		1,313.79	-
New Mexico	1,313.79			1,313.79
Northern Marianas	200.00	\$ 600.00		800.00
Oregon	1,313.79		1,313.79	-
Utah	1,313.79		1,313.79	-
Washington	1,313.79		1,313.79	-
Wyoming	1,313.79		1,313.79	-
Assessment Total	\$ 18,993.06	\$ 600.00	\$ 16,165.48	\$ 3,427.58

INCOME / EXPENSE

Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
7/1/11	Balance forward			\$ 14,717.49
	YTD Assessments Received	\$ 16,165.48		30,882.97
	<u>Interest Earned</u>			
	July	3.63		30,886.60
	August	5.57		30,892.17
	September			30,892.17
	October			30,892.17
	November			30,892.17
	December			30,892.17
	January			30,892.17
	February			30,892.17
	March			30,892.17
	April			30,892.17
	May			30,892.17
	June			30,892.17
	<u>CSU Payments</u>			
	First Quarter			30,892.17
	Second Quarter			30,892.17
	Third Quarter			30,892.17
	Fourth Quarter			30,892.17
Total		\$ 16,174.68	\$ -	\$ 30,892.17

Agenda Item 5.0: Local ARS Update
Presenter: Mickey McGuire
Background:

ARS REPORT (Western)

September 2011

AREA LEADERSHIP

Pacific West Area

- Area Director: Andrew Hammond
- Associate Area Director: Robert Matteri
- Assistant Area Director: Maureen Whalen
- *Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington*

Northern Plains Area

- Area Director: Will Blackburn
- Associate Area Director: Mickey McGuire
- *Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming*

Southern Plains Area

- Area Director: Dan Upchurch
- Associate Area Director: **Vacant**
- Arkansas, *New Mexico*, Oklahoma, Texas, (Panama)

BUDGET

FY 2011 Continuing Resolution

- Across-the-board .2% cut
- Temporary cut of 1.08% to all projects to cover obligations first six months
- Permanent cut of 3.6% to all AM and PM accounts
- Earmark cuts (\$44 million)
 - PWA earmarks cut:
 - Brawley/Riverside (\$340,000)
 - PBARC/Hilo (\$700,000)
 - Oceanic Institute/Hilo (\$1,438,000)
 - Prosser (\$200,000)
 - NPA earmarks cut:
 - None impacting Western Region Locations
 - SPA earmarks cut:
 - None impacting Western Region Locations

FY 2012 President's Budget Proposal

- ARS Salaries and Expenses: \$1,137,690,000
- Program Initiatives: + \$55,723,000
 - Food Safety
 - Crop Breeding and Protection

- Child and Human Nutrition
- Animal Breeding and Protection
- Bioenergy/Biomass
- Plant, Animal and Microbial Collections
- Production Systems for Sustainable Agriculture
- Global Climate Change
- National Agricultural Library
- Elimination of Earmarks (- \$41,889,000) – ***Implemented as part of FY 2011 CR***
- Termination of Extramural Research (-\$20,122,000)
- Laboratory/Location Closures (- \$38,661,000)
- Buildings and Facilities (-\$223,749,000) – ***All unencumbered balances cut as part of FY 2011 CR***
- **House**
 - ARS Salaries and Expenses: \$993,345,000
- **Senate**
 - ARS Salaries and Expenses: 1,094,647,000

NEW LEADERSHIP AND VACANCIES

CALIFORNIA

Albany

- Exotic and Invasive Weeds Research Unit, Western Regional Research Center, Ray Carruthers, Research Leader

Parlier

- San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Sciences Center, Commodity Protection & Quality Research Unit, VACANT, Research Leader

COLORADO

Fort Collins

- National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation, realignment into two Units:
 - Plant and Animal Genetic Resources Preservation Unit, David Dierig, Research Leader
 - Plant Genetic Preservation Research Unit, Christina Walters, Research Leader

NEVADA

Reno

- ***New:*** Great Basin Rangelands Research Unit, VACANT, Research Leader

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 6.0: BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy

Presenters: Steve Pueppke and Mike Harrington

Background:

This BAA committee has representation from all parts of the family making for a large diverse group with many interests. We have had several conference calls and a recent face-to-face meeting on Sept 7-8 to discuss the so-called one-line budget proposal. With the exception of the latter, all minor legislative issues have been endorsed by the committee. The one line budget proposal (Version 1.0) of the CLP proposal emanates from the CREATE-21 effort in the last Farm Bill which proposed a one line budget with a 70:30 allocation between competitive and capacity programs for new funds (See attachment 1). Based on discussions during the last several years (including CREATE-21), the following would be tenets for a one-line funding concept for NIFA funding:

- Provide downside protection on capacity funding if appropriations are reduced, and
- Assure increases in capacity funding when new appropriations are made.

Fundamental details:

- There would be a “base year” from which all calculations would be made
- If funding is reduced, funds would be taken from the competitive pool.
- Funds will be made available to carry out capacity and infrastructure programs in an amount up to or equal to the capacity and infrastructure funding levels in the “base year.” The NIFA Director will apportion the funds in accordance with the proportions that each applicable capacity and infrastructure program received during the critical base funding year.
- After NIFA funds equal to the capacity and infrastructure critical base funding level have been allocated for capacity and infrastructure programs, funds will be made available to carry out competitive programs until funds are allocated in an amount equal to the competitive program during the critical base funding year
- Any NIFA funding in excess of the amounts needed to fulfill items 1 and 2 will be made available by allocating 70% of the amount of excess funding to competitive programs and 30% to capacity and infrastructure programs in accordance with the proportions that each applicable capacity and infrastructure program received during the critical base funding year.

Recent CLP Recommendations

Based on feedback received at the recent CLP meeting this ratio was proposed to be 55:45 competitive to capacity primarily due to Extension members wanting to increase capacity funding on parity with research funds (Attachment 2, Version 2.0). However, there appear to be some erroneous assumptions with research funding levels because not all competitive funds come to the SAES system. A second proposal advanced was to include a 22.5% set aside for capacity building at small 1862, territories and 1890 institutions. This proposal was also part of C-21. Small 1862s would be defined as those institutions receiving than 1% of NIFA funds including formula and competitive funds.

Discussion Points

- What are the political ramifications? What are you hearing from your delegations?
- What are the unintended consequences?
- What year should be the base for calculations? (Generally, this is the last enacted budget year.)

Key decision points for the ESS:

- Does the Section support the overall concept of this proposal?

- What is the base year?
- What is the appropriate split of funds? 55:45, 60:40, 70:30?
- Does the Section support a set aside capacity program or something like an EPSCoR program?

Unresolved Issues:

The committee will hold a conference call on Thursday Sept 22 to discuss undecided issues:

- Have the NIFA funding lines been correctly delineated as either “capacity/infrastructure” or “competitive”?
- If FY 2011 becomes the “base year,” how should we treat “new starts”? (Example: the AASCARR (Non-Land-Grant) Universities Capacity Building Program proposed in the Senate version of the FY 2012 bill.)
- Should there be an enhancement pool for both “capacity” and “competitive” sides of the ledger?
- How should the 22.5% competitive enhancement pool funds be distributed?
- Should capacity enhancement pool funds be competed among eligible institutions?

Action Requested: For information

Item 8.2, Attachment 1

Proposal Version 1.0

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

One-Line Funding Concept (A Numerical Example)

Important Note: This document is a numerical **example** of how a single-line NIFA funding concept might work. It contains these assumptions, which have **not** been agreed to by the Committee on Legislation and Policy: (1) Base Year = FY 2011; (2) Upside split between competitive and capacity/infrastructure = 70% to 30%; and (3) final disposition of programs/funding lines (as either capacity or competitive).

REDUCTION / INCREASE INPUT FIELDS (\$Millions)>	R e		
	Reduction	Increase 1	Increase 2
	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 500

CAPACITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE	FY 2011	Reduction	Increase 1	Increase 2
Research and Education Activities				
Hatch Act	236.334	236.334	245.367	281.496
Evans-Allen Program (1890s Research)	50.898	50.898	52.843	60.624
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry	32.934	32.934	34.193	39.227
Capacity Building Grants (1890 Institutions)	19.336	19.336	20.075	23.031
Payments to the 1994 Institutions (Equity Grants)	3.335	3.335	3.463	3.973
Native Alaska/Hawaiian-Serving Education Grants	3.194	3.194	3.316	3.804
Animal Health and Disease (Sec. 1433)	2.944	2.944	3.057	3.507
1994 Institutions Research Program	1.801	1.801	1.870	2.146
Resident Instruction Grants for Insular Areas	0.898	0.898	0.933	1.070
Distance Education Grants for Insular Areas	0.749	0.749	0.777	0.892
Extension Activities				
Smith Lever Sections 3(b) and 3(c)	293.911	293.911	305.144	350.075
Expanded Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP)	67.934	67.934	70.530	80.915
1890 Institutions and Tuskegee Extension	42.592	42.592	44.219	50.731
1890 Facilities Grants (Sec. 1447)	19.730	19.730	20.485	23.501
Extension Services at the 1994 Institutions	4.312	4.312	4.477	5.136
Renewable Resources Extension Act	4.060	4.060	4.215	4.836
CAPACITY & INFRASTRUCTURE SUBTOTAL	784.963	784.963	814.963	934.963

COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS	FY 2011	Reduction	Increase 1	Increase 2
Research and Education Activities				
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	264.470	199.524	309.932	491.779
Improved Pest Control	16.153	12.186	18.929	30.036
Sustainable Agriculture Research & Ed. (SARE)	14.471	10.917	16.959	26.909
Hispanic Education Partnership Grants	9.219	6.955	10.803	17.142
Higher Education Challenge Grants	5.643	4.257	6.613	10.493
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program	4.790	3.614	5.614	8.908
Aquaculture Centers (Aquaculture Grants)	3.920	2.957	4.594	7.289
Graduate Fellowship Grants	3.851	2.906	4.513	7.161
Sun Grant Program	2.246	1.694	2.631	4.175
Farm Business Management and Benchmarking	1.497	1.129	1.754	2.784
Multicultural Scholars Program	1.239	0.934	1.451	2.303
Critical Agricultural Materials Act	1.081	0.815	1.267	2.010

Joe Skeen Institute for Rangeland Restoration	0.981	0.740	1.150	1.824
Secondary/2-year Post Secondary	0.981	0.740	1.150	1.824
New Era Rural Technology Program	0.873	0.659	1.023	1.624
Alternative Crops	0.833	0.629	0.977	1.550

COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS	FY 2011	Reduction	Increase 1	Increase 2
Extension Activities				
Pest Management	9.918	7.483	11.623	18.443
Youth at Risk	8.395	6.334	9.838	15.611
Farm Safety	4.853	3.661	5.688	9.025
Sustainable Agriculture	4.696	3.542	5.503	8.731
Indian Reservation Agents	3.039	2.293	3.561	5.651
Grants to Youth Organizations	1.780	1.343	2.086	3.311
New Technologies for Ag Extension (eXtension)	1.747	1.318	2.047	3.248
Rural Health and Safety Education	1.735	1.309	2.033	3.225
Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database	0.998	0.753	1.170	1.856
Youth Farm Safety Education and Certification	0.485	0.366	0.568	0.902
Women and Minorities in STEM fields	0.399	0.301	0.468	0.742
Integrated Activities				
Food Safety	10.978	8.282	12.865	20.413
Water Quality	8.982	6.776	10.526	16.702
Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative	5.988	4.518	7.017	11.135
Organic Transition Program	3.992	3.012	4.678	7.423
Regional Pest Management Centers	2.994	2.259	3.509	5.567
Methyl Bromide Transition Program	1.996	1.506	2.339	3.712
International Science and Education Grants	0.998	0.753	1.170	1.856
Regional Rural Development Centers	0.998	0.753	1.170	1.856
COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS - SUBTOTAL	407.218	307.218	477.218	757.218

DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION	FY 2011	Reduction	Increase 1	Increase 2
Research and Education Activities				
Federal Administration	11.230			
Special Research Grants	2.838			
Extension Activities				
Federal Administration and Special Grants	8.548			
DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION - SUBTOTAL	22.617	22.617	22.617	22.617

	FY 2011	Reduction	Increase 1	Increase 2
		\$ (100)	\$ 100	\$ 500
SINGLE NIFA BUDGET (TOPLINE) TOTAL	1,214.798	1,114.798	1,314.798	1,714.798

Questions & Answers

NIFA single-line funding concept to be discussed
by the
Committee on Legislation and Policy

Note: This document contains some questions and answers that help to clarify the “mechanics” of the concept now under discussion. It does not attempt to address the various political and hypothetical questions that have been raised to date. CLP constituent organizations are urged to raise any questions and/or concerns of that nature in preparation for and during the CLP meeting in September.

# Question	Answer
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General Questions

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| 1. Why are we having this discussion? | In light of the federal budget situation and at the specific urging of the Administrative Heads Section, the Policy Board of Directors of the Board on Agriculture Assembly directed its two standing committees — the Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP) and the Budget and Advocacy Committee — to revisit the concept of a “single funding line” to provide downside protection and potential upside growth for the NIFA programs that support the land-grant system’s infrastructure/capacity. (The single funding line concept was originally recommended by the BAA as part of the CREATE-21 proposal, but was not enacted into law.) |
| 2. What is the basic concept? | Statutory mechanisms would be established to distribute the annual congressional appropriation for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) in a predictable manner. |
| 3. How would this work? | Conceptually, Congress would appropriate a <i>single</i> amount for all NIFA programs and the total would be distributed <i>automatically</i> in one of two ways depending upon whether the final appropriation was <i>larger</i> or <i>smaller</i> than a specified “base year.” |

“Downside” Questions

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| 4. What would happen if the total amount appropriated was <i>smaller</i> than the base year? | The cuts would be absorbed proportionally by those NIFA programs awarded through competitions open to a wide range of entities. After such “competitive” funds are exhausted, then (and only then) would there be proportional cuts to the “capacity/infrastructure” funds which support the land-grant system. |
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“Upside” Questions

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| 5. What would happen if the total amount appropriated was <i>larger</i> than the base year? | All NIFA programs would <i>first</i> receive funding equal in amount to what they received in the base year. The excess would then be divided into two pools — “competitive” and “capacity” — with 70 cents of every excess dollar going into the competitive pool and 30 cents into the capacity pool. (<i>The “70” and “30” are placeholders.</i>) |
| 6. How would the funds in the capacity and competitive pools be distributed? | Specific formulae have not been determined. For discussion purposes only, it is assumed that the funds within each pool would be divided in the same proportions as in the base year. |
| 7. Is the 70/30 (competitive/capacity) split carved in stone? | No. This was the ratio used in the CREATE-21 proposal. A final “upside” split must be recommended by the CLP. |
| 8. Should there be “set asides” within the competitive or capacity pools? | CREATE-21 included set-asides for the 1 890s, 1994s, and small 1862 land-grant institutions. Whether such set-asides should be included within the present proposal is an open question to be determined by the CLP. |

#	Question	Answer
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Questions Applicable to both “Upside” and “Downside” Mechanisms

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| 9. | Has a “base year” been chosen? | No. For discussion purposes only, the most recent fiscal year (FY 2011) is being used. A final base year must be agreed upon by the CLP in consideration of political realities and whether ratios for program lines change substantially for any given year. |
| 10. | Have the NIFA budget lines/programs been divided into “competitive” and “capacity” columns? | No. Under current statutory authority many programs are defined as either “competitive” or “capacity,” but a final list of budget lines will need to be determined by the CLP. Then the programs on that list can be divided into competitive and capacity columns. |

Other Questions

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| 11. | How would earmarks be affected by this proposal? | Appropriations for NIFA special research grants or federal administration grants (earmarks) would not be impacted if and when Congress lifts the earmark moratorium put in place for fiscal years 2011 and 2012. |
| 12. | Does the proposal include any “new” funding for NIFA? | No, it does not. All it would do is provide predictable distribution mechanisms for whatever amount is appropriated for NIFA. |
| 13. | Does the proposal put federal funding for research and extension activities at risk? | No. As is true at the present time, all but four NIFA programs receive funding through the annual congressional appropriations process. (The four programs with mandatory funding expire at the end of FY 2012 and their reauthorization is uncertain.) In fact, the proposal creates new <i>protections</i> for those NIFA research and extension funds that flow directly to land-grant universities. |
| 14. | What is the timeline for finalizing this concept? | The Committee on Legislation and Policy will discuss the concept and make recommendations about how exactly the upside and downside mechanisms would work during its meeting in September 2011. The CLP’s recommendations will then go to the Policy Board of Directors for decision. If the PBD decides to move ahead, legislative language will be drafted later this fall and presented to potential House and Senate champions shortly thereafter. All of this is in preparation for debate on the next Farm Bill which is expected to begin in earnest in late 2011 or early 2012. |
| 15. | How can changes be made to the upside/downside allocation mechanisms? | Changes could be made by the House and Senate Agriculture Committees during their deliberations on the Farm Bill, which occur every five to seven years, or changes could occur during the annual House and Senate Appropriations process. |
| 16. | How would the ability of the NIFA director to make budget decisions be impacted? | There would be little change from the current situation. Congress decides how federal funds are appropriated. The only discretion provided to the director is to set specific parameters for funding distributed through competitive (RFA) awards. |

Item 6.2

Attachment 2, Current One Line Proposal, Version 2.

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

One-Line Funding Concept (A Numerical Example)

Important Note: This document is a numerical example of how a single-line NIFA funding concept might work. It contains these assumptions, agreed to by the Committee on Legislation and Policy: (1) Base Year = FY 2011; (2) Upside split between competitive and capacity/infrastructure = 55% to 45%; (3) final disposition of programs/funding lines (as either capacity or competitive); (4) 22.5% of increase in capacity and competitive enhancement funds for 1890s, 1994s, Insular LGUS, and Small 1862s; (5) Increase 2A does NOT include the 22.5% capacity/competitive enhancement funds.

REDUCTION / INCREASE INPUT FIELDS	(\$Millions)>	Reduction	Increase 1	Increase 2	Increase 2A
	\$	100	\$ 100	\$ 500	\$ 500
CAPACITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE					
	FY 2011	Reduction	Increase 1	Increase 2	Increase 2A
Research and Education Activities					
Hatch Act ¹	236.334	236.334	246.834	288.835	304.077
Evans-Allen Program (1890s Research) ¹	50.898	50.898	53.159	62.205	65.487
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry ¹	32.934	32.934	34.397	40.250	42.374
Capacity Building Grants (1890 Institutions) ¹	19.336	19.336	20.195	23.632	24.879
Payments to the 1994 Institutions (Equity Grants) ¹	3.335	3.335	3.484	4.076	4.291
Native Alaska/Hawaiian-Serving Education Grants	3.194	3.194	3.335	3.903	4.109
Animal Health and Disease (Sec. 1433) ¹	2.944	2.944	3.075	3.598	3.788
1994 Institutions Research Program ¹	1.801	1.801	1.881	2.202	2.318
Resident Instruction Grants for Insular Areas ¹	0.898	0.898	0.938	1.098	1.156
Distance Education Grants for Insular Areas ¹	0.749	0.749	0.782	0.915	0.963
Ag and Food Science Facilities Grants for Insular Areas	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Non-Land-Grant Universities Capacity Building Grants	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Extension Activities					
Smith Lever Sections 3(b) and 3(c) ¹	293.911	293.911	306.969	359.202	378.157
Expanded Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP)	67.934	67.934	70.952	83.025	87.406
1890 Institutions and Tuskegee Extension ¹	42.592	42.592	44.484	52.053	54.800
1890 Facilities Grants (Sec. 1447) ¹	19.730	19.730	20.607	24.113	25.386
Extension Services at the 1994 Institutions ¹	4.312	4.312	4.504	5.270	5.548
Renewable Resources Extension Act ¹	4.060	4.060	4.240	4.962	5.224
Special Capacity Enhancement Fund¹					
For 1890s, 1994s, Insulars, Small 1862s	0.000	0.000	10.125	50.625	0.000
CAPACITY & INFRASTRUCTURE SUBTOTAL					
	784.963	784.963	829.963	1,009.963	1,009.963
COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS					
	FY 2011	Reduction	Increase 1	Increase 2	Increase 2A
Research and Education Activities					
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative ²	264.470	199.524	292.153	402.885	443.070
Improved Pest Control	16.153	12.186	17.843	24.606	27.061
Sustainable Agriculture Research & Ed. (SARE)	14.471	10.917	15.986	22.045	24.243
Hispanic Education Partnership Grants ²	9.219	6.955	10.183	14.043	15.444
Higher Education Challenge Grants	5.643	4.257	6.233	8.596	9.453
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program	4.790	3.614	5.292	7.298	8.025
Aquaculture Centers (Aquaculture Grants)	3.920	2.957	4.330	5.972	6.567
Graduate Fellowship Grants	3.851	2.906	4.254	5.867	6.452
Sun Grant Program	2.246	1.694	2.481	3.421	3.762
Farm Business Management and Benchmarking	1.497	1.129	1.654	2.280	2.508
Multicultural Scholars Program	1.239	0.934	1.368	1.887	2.075
Critical Agricultural Materials Act	1.081	0.815	1.194	1.647	1.811
Joe Skeen Institute for Rangeland Restoration	0.981	0.740	1.084	1.494	1.644
Secondary/2-year Post Secondary ²	0.981	0.740	1.084	1.494	1.644
New Era Rural Technology Program	0.873	0.659	0.965	1.330	1.463

Alternative Crops	0.833	0.629	0.921	1.269	1.396
COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS	FY 2011	Reduction	Increase 1	Increase 2	Increase 2A
Extension Activities					
Pest Management	9.918	7.483	10.956	15.109	16.616
Youth at Risk	8.395	6.334	9.274	12.789	14.065
Farm Safety	4.853	3.661	5.361	7.393	8.131
Sustainable Agriculture ²	4.696	3.542	5.187	7.153	7.867
Indian Reservation Agents	3.039	2.293	3.357	4.629	5.091
Grants to Youth Organizations	1.780	1.343	1.967	2.712	2.983
New Technologies for Ag Extension (eXtension)	1.747	1.318	1.929	2.661	2.926
Rural Health and Safety Education	1.735	1.309	1.916	2.642	2.906
Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database	0.998	0.753	1.102	1.520	1.672
Youth Farm Safety Education and Certification	0.485	0.366	0.536	0.739	0.813
Women and Minorities in STEM fields	0.399	0.301	0.441	0.608	0.669
Integrated Activities					
Food Safety	10.978	8.282	12.127	16.724	18.392
Water Quality	8.982	6.776	9.922	13.683	15.048
Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative	5.988	4.518	6.615	9.122	10.032
Organic Transition Program	3.992	3.012	4.410	6.081	6.688
Regional Pest Management Centers	2.994	2.259	3.307	4.561	5.016
Methyl Bromide Transition Program	1.996	1.506	2.205	3.041	3.344
International Science and Education Grants ²	0.998	0.753	1.102	1.520	1.672
Regional Rural Development Centers	0.998	0.753	1.102	1.520	1.672
Special Competitive Enhancement Fund³					
For 1890s, 1994s, Insulars, Small 1862s	0.000	0.000	12.375	61.875	0.000
COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS - SUBTOTAL	407.218	307.218	462.218	682.218	682.218
DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION	FY 2011	Reduction	Increase 1	Increase 2	Increase 2A
Research and Education Activities					
Federal Administration	11.230				
Special Research Grants	2.838				
Extension Activities	8.548				
Federal Administration and Special Grants					
DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION - SUBTOTAL	22.617	22.617	22.617	22.617	22.617
	FY 2011	Reduction	Increase 1	Increase 2	Increase 2A
		\$ (100)	\$ 100	\$ 500	\$ 500
SINGLE NIFA BUDGET (TOPLINE) TOTAL	1,214.798	1,114.798	1,314.798	1,714.798	1,714.798

Footnotes:

1. Defined as capacity and infrastructure programs under section 251(f)(1)(C) of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6971(f)(1)(C)).
2. Defined as competitive programs under section 251(f)(1)(D) of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6971(f)(1)(D)).
3. Formulas for distribution of enhancement funds TBD.
4. Programs receiving mandatory funding such as Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative, Specialty Crop Research Initiative, BEGINNING FARMER AND RANCHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, and Agriculture Risk Management Education Program are not listed, but are defined as competitive programs under section 251(f)(1)(D) of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6971(f)(1)(D)).

Other programs receiving mandatory funding such as the BIODIESEL FUEL EDUCATION PROGRAM, and the BIOMASS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT programs are not defined by the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994.

Small 1862 Institutions (2007-2009 data set)

Listing of those 1862 institutions which received less than 1% of the discretionary funding (grant + formula \$s) based on the 3-year average (2007-2009). Figures from NIFA for the period 2008-2010 may be available later this month.

1862 Institutions

University of Alaska
University of Connecticut
University of District of Columbia
University of Delaware
University of Hawaii
University of Maine
Montana State University
North Dakota State University
University of New Hampshire
New Mexico State University
University of Nevada
University of Rhode Island
Utah State University
University of Vermont
University of Wyoming

Agenda Item 7.0: Administrative Assistant Search Update

Presenter: H M Harrington

Background:

Administrative Assistant Position: Finalized position description and review process are attached below. The initial submission deadline was September 15th. A total of 16 applications have been received. Preliminary review for completeness of applications will commence the week of September 19th.

Search Logistics: Applications would be reviewed by an initial screening committee comprised of Lee Sommers (chair) Jan Irons (AES staff) Jeff Jacobsen and myself. Frank Johnson Associate AES Director here at CSU will take care of Equal Opportunity requirements.

The Selection Committee would consist of the Past Chair, Chair, Chair Elect, Lee and Mike as discussed at the Spring Meeting. Interviews would be held in Ft Collins as soon as a short list is identified. The Selection Committee would join a video interview or in person. Ideally interviews would be completed by October 15 but no later than October 31; thus, allowing sufficient time for a remote candidate to make moving arrangements.

We are proposing a starting date as soon as November 15th; again the thinking that a suitable candidate may not want to delay until January 1. However, the starting date would be negotiable. Depending on the start date, the Association may need to reconsider its passed motion on transitional support not to exceed \$20,000. A November 15th start date would mean an additional 2 weeks of support for the incumbent would be needed.

Action Requested: For information

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors (WAAESD) Office of the Director Colorado State University

Position: Assistant to the Director

Appointment: Twelve-month, Administrative Professional. Incumbent is employee of Colorado State University.

Location: Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80523

Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors (WAAESD): The WAAESD, one of five such regional associations, is comprised of the 13 western states and the four Pacific trust territories. The WAAESD (waaesd.org) is organized to plan and manage multistate research activities important to the Western region and nation. Multistate research projects require participation of two or more states to address regional/national issues. All agricultural experiment stations are required to spend 25% of their Hatch formula funds on multistate research. This region is arguably the most diverse and expansive of the nation. The Association also collaborates with Extension and Academic Programs to integrate these functions across its portfolio, currently, some 80 multistate projects.

Western Director's Office, WAAESD: The Western Director's Office (WDO) administers the executive functions of the WAAESD and represents the western states and territories. The WDO provides leadership for the Western Directors on regional priorities to initiate and conduct integrated multistate projects that include research, extension and academic programs. The WDO also serves as the principal liaison between the Directors and the USDA regarding all initiatives and programs that are funded by USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The WDO has national responsibilities in support of the Experiment Station Section (ESS), and the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP), the executive governing body of the ESS under the Board on Agriculture Assembly within the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) The WDO provides leadership and support for the experiment station directors who have responsibilities for national activities through the ESCOP.

The WDO staff is comprised of the Executive Director (ED) and an Assistant to the Director. This team manages all aspects of the region's multistate portfolio including oversight of the Multistate Review Committee which has responsibility for approval of projects. The WDO: assists the WAAESD directors in the development and implementation of policies and programs; conducts needs assessments; coordinates and facilitates project development; performs project reviews for quality control; assures annual accountability; develops or facilitates impact statements for regional projects; promotes, articulates and advocates the regional priorities to enhance multistate activities within the region and among the other US regions. The WDO maintains the WAAESD website and serves as the regional system administrator for the National Information Management and Support System (NIMSS) website and database. In carrying out these responsibilities, the ED travels approximately 60-70% of the time.

Assistant to the Director Responsibilities: The scope and authority as delegated by the ED includes but is not limited to:

Research Project Portfolio Management

- Responsible for the currency and quality of data and information in an on-line database for multistate research projects, interregional projects, and western research-extension projects, including western coordinating committee projects, extension-education research activities development committees and general information about the multistate research projects and coordinating committees and extension-education research activities within the other three regions.
- Produces periodic narrative summary reports of the investment portfolio of WAAESD and its impacts, with relation to regional and national priorities, resources committed to various activities, and results accruing from these activities.
- Respond to detailed questions regarding the composition, content and status of the western multistate research portfolio in a timely manner, reflecting a thorough familiarity with the scientific material.
- Maintains the WAAESD website(s) and serves as regional system administrator for the National Information Management and Support System (NIMSS) web site and database.

Communications

- Receives and manages all incoming communications (electronic, written and verbal) for the WAAESD; analyzes the nature of requests; independently handles all routine responses and determines the urgency of other matters, decides whether to take immediate action or seek information from the ED.
- Develops Issues and Position Paper drafts with respect to advancing such issues, positions, policies, and opportunities to address and/or respond to other region or national initiatives affecting multistate research programs and funding. Coordinates, develops, and synthesizes information for the ED and western region agricultural experiment station directors' decisions and actions. In developing such information about agricultural and natural resource research and issues, the incumbent will be expected to contact, as needed, land-grant university (academic, experiment station and extension service) administrators and staff, Multistate Committees or their Administrative Advisors, the staff and administrators of federal agencies, congressional staff, scientific societies, and commodity and other organizations throughout the country.
- Develops impactful and succinct written communications including "user friendly" written newsletters and other tools that communicate program outcomes including impact statements from Western region multistate program to other regions, APLU, USDA, NIFA, Congress, stakeholders and others at the national level.

Support of the Association

- Develops agenda briefing materials for all meetings of the WAAESD and

provides these materials to the Directors in advance of meetings. The incumbent is responsible for attending meetings of the Association and assuring that the business portion of these meetings function smoothly and efficiently. In collaboration with the ED and/or the Association Chair, insures timely completion of actions or assignments that are taken at such meetings.

- Serves as the recording Secretary of the WAAESD making sure that appropriate action is taken on all decisions of the Directors.
- Provides support to the ED in activities related to affairs of APLU and its various Boards and Sections.
- Maintains regional list serves for Experiment Station Directors, Deans of Agriculture, Academic Program Directors, Council of Agriculture Research Extension and Teaching (CARET), and Western Region Administrative Officers Association.
- Create and process financial and other documents required to support WAAESD transactions
- Monitor, maintain and reconcile WAAESD budget and expenditures.
- Develop association annual budget with the ED.
- Prepares and/or maintains documentation on actions or proceedings of WAAESD committees.
- Participation in and travel to regional and national meetings.

Required Qualifications

BS/BA required in agricultural or related sciences or a degree in communications or journalism with demonstrated interest in the food agriculture and natural resources system

Demonstrated written communication skills appropriate to the position responsibilities

Demonstrated working knowledge and experience with MS Office suite including Word, Excel, Access, and Publisher

Desired Qualifications

Knowledge of or experience with programs of the state and federal agricultural research system

Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain website content

Excellent oral and written communication skills, strong interpersonal skills, and organizational skills

Previous track record of increasingly independent action highly desirable

Demonstrated ability to work independently with minimal supervision and under time pressures

SALARY: The salary is competitive and depends upon experience, qualifications and accomplishments.

POSITION AVAILABILITY: Position is available November 15 or negotiable.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications will be accepted until the position is filled; for full consideration submit application by September 15, 2011.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Please send current professional resume and: 1) a letter of application addressing minimum and desired qualifications and your experience as related to the scope and responsibilities 2) academic transcripts (copies are acceptable); (3) two samples of written communications that demonstrate abilities related to position requirements and 4) names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of five persons who can be contacted as references. Address all application material to: Dr. Lee Sommers, Chair, WDAL Search Committee, Agricultural Experiment Station, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523-3001. Please submit application materials via email as a pdf document to Ryan Abbott at ryan.abbott@colostate.edu. For information related to the position, contact Dr. H Michael Harrington, Executive Director, WAAESD at (970) 491-6280, email: wdal@lamar.colostate.edu.

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Agenda Item 8.0: Executive Director Report, July-September 2011

Presenter: H. Michael Harrington

Background:

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

WAAESD

Joint Summer Meeting: Worked with Chair and Executive Committee to finalize WAAESD agenda. Worked with Sylvia Yuen, Lyla Houglum, and others to develop overall agenda as well as the agenda for combined session.

Fall Meeting: Worked with Executive Council to develop the WAAESD meeting agenda.

Multistate Program Impact statements: Continue to work with Ms Diane Clarke to develop/edit impact statements for western region multistate projects. There are eight statements pending at this time.

Southern Rockies LCC: Serve on the Science Committee and participate on the Steering Committee

Committee Activities

- **Western SARE Administrative Council:** I serve as the Western Directors' representative on this activity. Reviewed applications and made recommendations for graduate student fellowship awards. Reviewed all R&E preproposals. Attended Council meeting in Lake Tahoe August 16-19. Working with subcommittee to develop a modified RFA that will facilitate long term systems research.
- **CREW:** Continue to work with Milton Geiger (WY), Sarah Hamlin (MT), and Irene Schonle (CO) on a new multistate development committee entitled "Wind Energy – Opportunities and Challenges in the Rural West".

WESTERN ACADEMIC PROGRAM DIRECTORS

- **Western Region Teaching Symposium:** Assisted with distribution of registration information.

WESTERN ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS SECTION

- Worked with Sylvia Yuen to develop agenda for the W-AHS summer meeting

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

ESCOPE

ESS Annual Meeting: Worked with Lee Sommers and CSU Conference Services to develop and finalize arrangements for the Annual ESS Meeting and Workshop in Estes Park at the Stanley Hotel. Worked with the other EDs to develop the all meeting agendas and the ESS workshop agenda.

Support to ESCOP Chair: Lee Sommers will become ESCOP Chair at the end of the meeting in ESTES Park. We have been preparing for this transition and the required support

Committee Activities

- **Chairs Advisory Committee:** Participate in monthly conference calls.
- **ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee:** Provide support to Chairman Steve Slack as the Executive Vice Chair on this important committee. Participated in a number of calls. Organize monthly conference calls and keep committee members apprised of latest developments. Developed agenda briefs for Steve Slack
 - **2012 Budget Priorities:** Developed survey on priorities for the 2012 budget cycle.
 - **2012 Farm Bill Priorities:** Developed on line survey to obtain input, summarized results which were communicated to the B&L Committee, the Directors and to the Committee of Legislation and Policy
 - **BAC meeting:** Represented the B&L Committee at the BAC meeting in Boston
- **Budget and Advocacy Committee:** Serve as ESCOP staff on this crucial BAA Committee. Participate in monthly conference calls and attended Committee meeting in Boston
- **Communications and Marketing Committee:** Serving on this core ESCOP committee
- **Committee on Legislation and Policy:** I am serving on this committee which is developing recommendations for the 2012 Farm Bill. Developed initial ESS positions based on section survey. Participated several conference calls and attended meeting in Washington DC Sept 6-8. Developed ESS agenda brief for Steve Pueppke.
- **Science Roadmap for Agriculture:** Developed and deployed a short survey to ascertain priorities from the more than 30 initiatives listed in the Roadmap

Summary of Travel, July-September, 2011

July 8-14: Western Region Joint Summer Meeting Honolulu

July 9: ADAP/W-1004 annual meeting

July 17-22: Joint COPS, Boston MA

Policy Board of Directors meeting

Budget and Advocacy Committee meeting

ESCOP meeting

Aug 1-5: W-SARE Administrative Council Meeting, Lake Tahoe. NV

Aug 15-17: Western CO tour with CSU College Of Agriculture

Sept 6-8: Committee on Legislation and Policy meeting Washington DC

Sept 26-28: ESS Annual Meeting Estes Park CO

WAAESD fall meeting

ESS Annual Meeting and Workshop

State Visit: Colorado: After 10 years in this job I was finally able to see some of Colorado Agriculture.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 9.0: ESCOP National Research Support Project Review Committee

Date: September 27, 2011

Presenter: Ralph Cavalieri/Daniel Rossi

Background Information:

1. Committee Membership:

- Chair
 - Ralph Cavalieri (WAAESD)

- Delegates
 - Abel Ponce de Leon (NCRA)
 - Jon Wraith (NERA)
 - Clarence Watson (SAAESD)
 - Kirkland Mellad (ARD)
 - Tom Bewick (NIFA)
 - L. Washington Lyons (Cooperative Extension)

- Executive Director
 - Arlen Leholm (NCRA)

- Executive Director/Executive Vice-Chair
 - Dan Rossi (NERA)

- Representative
 - Don Latham (Stakeholder (CARET))

2. Meetings

The NRSP Review Committee met on June 6, 2011 by conference call.

3. NRSP Proposals Recommendations

- NRSP-1 Research Planning Using the Current Research Information System (CRIS and NIMSS)
Recommend approval of project proposal for 2011-2016

4. NRSP 2011-12 Budget Request Recommendations

<u>Project</u>	<u>2010-11 Funding</u>	<u>2011-12 Request</u>	<u>2011-12 Recommended</u>
NRSP-1	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
NRSP-3	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

NRSP-4	\$481,182	\$481,182	\$481,182
NRSP-6	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000 ¹
NRSP-7	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000 ²
NRSP-8	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
NRSP-9	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000 ³

5. Committee Leadership

Abel Ponce de Leon will be recommended as the incoming Chair of the NRSP-RC. He would replace Chair Ralph Cavalieri on October 1, 2011. Arlen Leholm will replace Dan Rossi as the Executive Vice-Chair and will provide administrative support to the chair. Mike Harrington will be the incoming Executive Director-Member, as the next rotation of leadership will be from Western region.

Action Requested: Approval of NRSP-1 proposal and FY2011-12 budgets for all NRSPs.

¹ The approval of the proposal and FY2010-11 budget for NRSP-6 was on condition that the Committee developed a plan for commercial users to pay for the services. A report from the NRSP-6 leadership outlined success in obtaining \$25,500 in donations from the private sector and plans to seek out additional funding for 2011-12. The NRSP-RC accepted this approach as a good faith effort in obtaining private sector support and recommends continued funding for FY2011-12.

² With the caveat that if funds equal to or less than this amount become available to NRSP-7 through a Congressional special grant or equivalent funding mechanism during FY2011-12, that amount will not be distributed to NRSP-7 from Hatch MRF.

³ The approval of the proposal and FY2010-11 budget for NRSP-9 was on condition that the Committee secured matching funds for FY2010-11 and provided assurance of matching funds for FY2011-12. The NRSP-9 Committee provided evidence of a one-time commitment \$150,000 by the National Research Council and another \$25,000 for each year of the project in funding committed by the University of Kentucky. The NRSP-RC feels that these commitments are illustrative of the good faith effort on the part of NRSP-9 to meet the matching requirements and recommends continued funding for 2011-12.

Agenda Item 10.0: MRC Reminders

Presenter: Harriet Sykes

Background:

Notices have been sent to all Administrative Advisors whose projects are scheduled to terminate in 2012 that there is only one submission date for proposals - January 15. In addition, all requests for MRC action in 2012 should be submitted by January 15.

As a followup to the MRC meeting in July, information about the pending projects follows:

Proposals for the following multistate projects were edited and the edited proposals were approved from 10/1/2011 - 9/30/2016

- 1.1 W2112 "Reproductive Performance in Domestic Ruminants (from W1112)"
- 1.2 W2173 "Impacts of Stress Factors on Performance, Health, and Well-Being of Farm Animals (from W1173)"

The following project has pending mid-term review actions:

- 2.2 WERA043 "Developing Sustainable and Organic Pest Management Programs for Western Orchard Systems"

The committee hasn't scheduled any meetings or submitted any reports to document their activities. The reports since the beginning of the project have not been submitted and, if not received by September 30, 2011, the project will be terminated.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 11.0: Federal Reporting**Presenters: Mike Kahn/Mike Harrington****Background:**

Kahn expressed concerns about the reporting expectations developed by the National Outcomes and Indicators Workshop that was held in New Orleans, LA in February 2011. There may be changes required in the Plan of Work that each institution is expected to prepare and there is concern about the significance of the changes and when they may be expected to take place.

Harrington indicated that he would send the memo that he had received from Bart Hewitt in July 2011 regarding the final draft of the workshop report.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 12.0: Future Meetings

Presenters: Barbara Allen-Diaz and H. Michael Harrington

Background:

Allen-Diaz announced that the 2012 Spring WAAESD Meeting would be held March 19-22, 2012 in Napa, CA. The MRC would meet on March 19.

Harrington reported that he had received information from the Utah State University host that the Joint Summer Meeting would be held July 9-12, 2012 in Park City, UT.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 13.0: RESOLUTIONS

Presenter:

Background:

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS Dr. Donald Cooksey served as Executive Associate Dean of Agriculture & Natural Resources in the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences at the University of California-Riverside (UCR) from 2001 to June 30, 2011;

WHEREAS Dr. Donald Cooksey, as Executive Associate Dean, served as the liaison between UCR and the UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR), the system-wide unit for agricultural and environmental research and outreach at the Riverside, Davis, and Berkeley campuses from 2001 to June 30, 2011;

WHEREAS Dr. Donald Cooksey, as Executive Associate Dean, served on ANR's Program Council, discussing division-wide planning and delivery of programs and developing recommendations for allocation of division resources;

WHEREAS Dr. Donald Cooksey served as administrative advisor for three USDA-funded multistate research projects, represented ANR at regional meetings of the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors and national meetings of the Experiment Station Section of the NASULGC Board on Agriculture Assembly;

WHEREAS Dr. Cooksey also served as Chair of the Department of Plant Pathology at UCR for five years prior to becoming Associate Dean in 2001;

WHEREAS Dr. Donald Cooksey had a distinguished career in plant bacteriology at UCR since 1982 conducting both fundamental and practical research on plant pathogenic bacteria and on beneficial bacteria for use in biological control of plant diseases, and conducting long-term research on the molecular genetics and biochemistry of bacterial resistance to bactericides used in agriculture, as well as research on the identification of genes in beneficial bacteria that are specifically expressed during parasitism of plant pathogenic fungi;

WHEREAS Dr. Cooksey served as liaison to the California Avocado Commission and Citrus Research Board and other state and national boards;

WHEREAS Dr. Cooksey returned to the research faculty at UCR in July 2011; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at their meeting at the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park, Colorado, on September 26-28, 2011, expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Cooksey for the significant contributions he has made to our Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. Cooksey and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Action Requested: Approval of resolution

Action Taken: Unanimously approved resolution recognizing Dr. Donald Cooksey

Agenda Item 14.0: Changing of the Guard

Presenter: Jeff Jacobsen

Background:

Jacobsen thanked Barbara Allen-Diaz for chairing the WAAESD Summer Meeting in his absence and presented a gavel to her for her use as 2012 WAAESD Chair.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 15.0: Adjourn
Presented: Barbara Allen-Diaz
Background:

After she received the gavel from Jacobsen, Allen-Diaz adjourned the meeting.

Action Requested: For information