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University of California Cooperative Extension Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Area Cooperative Extension Advisor
Orchard & Vineyard Systems
Serving Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties**

AP #16-11

LOCATION HEADQUARTERS: Modesto, Stanislaus County, California

SUBMISSION DATE: To assure full consideration, submit materials by March 31, 2017. Those received after March 31, 2017 may be considered if the position has not yet been filled. (open until filled)

POSITION PURPOSE: The Area Cooperative Extension (CE) advisor for orchard and vineyard systems will conduct a locally-based extension, education and applied research program to develop and integrate all aspects of pomology and viticulture production. The primary responsibility for this position will be developing a research and education program to address high priority production and pest management issues for walnuts, wine grapes, cherries and apricots in Stanislaus County. In addition, the CE advisor will respond to apricot clientele inquiries and deliver science-based information in San Joaquin County. The CE advisor will develop sustainable agricultural practices to assure the assigned crops remain economically viable and are farmed using environmentally sensitive methods. Key clientele will include commercial farms (both large and small), pest control advisers, allied industries, commodity groups, public agencies, and consumers. The CE advisor will be expected to become a statewide leader in walnut, cherry and apricot production.

BACKGROUND: University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR), is the statewide division of the University of California that administers Cooperative Extension, which is responsible for local program development and delivery throughout the state of California. University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) is a network of colleagues with a focus on research, education programs, and outreach to resolve local challenges in communities where they live and work. UC ANR is the bridge between



local issues and the power of UC Research. UC ANR's CE advisors, CE specialists and Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) faculty develop and deliver practical, science-based solutions that contribute to healthy food systems, healthy environments, healthy communities, and healthy Californians.

The UC Cooperative Extension office in Stanislaus County is vibrant and expanding, with excellent support from local government and the agricultural community. There are currently eight CE advisors in the UCCE Stanislaus County office, each are experts in their individual fields, including pomology, vegetable production, field crops, integrated pest management, dairy, livestock and natural resources, nutrition and 4-H. Stanislaus County is a 90-minute drive to the San Francisco Bay area to the west and the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains to the east. To learn more about UCCE in Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties, please read about existing UCCE programs in these exciting communities at: <http://cestanislaus.ucanr.edu/> and <http://cesanjoaquin.ucanr.edu/>.

Our priorities in research, education, service, and resource allocation are guided by the UC ANR Strategic Vision (http://ucanr.edu/About/ANR/Strategic_Vision/). There are 5 strategic initiatives that ANR is currently focusing on: Endemic and Invasive Pests and Diseases (EIPD), Healthy Families and Communities (HFC), Sustainable Food Systems (SFS), Sustainable Natural Ecosystem (SNE), and Water Quality, Quantity and Security (WQQS). This position will primarily address priorities found in the Strategic Plans for the Sustainable Food Systems and Endemic and Invasive Pests and Diseases Strategic Initiatives. The Strategic Plans for each strategic initiative can be found at <http://ucanr.edu/sites/StrategicInitiatives/>.

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS: All UC ANR CE advisors are responsible for performance in the areas of 1) applied research and creative activity, 2) extension of knowledge and information, 3) professional competence and activity and 4) University and public service.

Research: All UC ANR CE advisors develop and implement applied research programs to provide science-based information addressing complex issues. The CE advisor will provide essential leadership to address critical issues facing orchard and vineyard systems in the assigned region. The focus of the applied research program will be based on a needs assessment, and may include partnerships with a variety of campus and county-based colleagues. Current issues that may be addressed through the applied research program include rootstock and variety evaluation, irrigation and pruning techniques, production improvement practices, insect, nematode and disease issues, efficient resource management, and preservation of groundwater quality related to fertilization practices. There are ample opportunities to obtain grant funding through commodity boards, UC ANR and many other sources.



Extension of knowledge: County and community partners rely on UC ANR CE advisors as a critical resource for providing research-based information across a variety of disciplines. CE advisors disseminate appropriate, science-based information to inform clientele, using extension methods that are responsive to clientele needs and appropriate for the audience and situation. Science-based research results and other educational information will be disseminated using a variety of methods including,

individual consultations, presentations at grower and industry meetings, workshops, short courses, field demonstrations, UC ANR publications, newsletters, peer-reviewed journal articles, technical reports to commodity boards/funding agencies, and an appropriate mix of contemporary and emerging electronic tools (such as online learning, web content systems and repositories, social media, impact and evaluation tools), along with specialized and public media outlets. Programs will be developed and carried out in collaboration with other UC ANR academics and appropriate statewide efforts including UC ANR Program Teams and Workgroups, as well as related government and private industries in Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties. Because of the large number of small acreage, part-time growers, extension efforts will need to cover very basic information for these growers, as well as cutting edge information for more experienced growers.



Professional Competence: All UC ANR CE advisors are required to demonstrate professional competence in their programmatic areas. Professional competence includes participation in training activities to enhance professional development, such as administrative trainings, professional conferences, or workshops. Professional competence also includes activities that reflect professional standing within the programmatic area, such as presenting at conferences or workshops, holding offices in professional societies, invited presentations, or reviewing/editing publications.

University and Public Service: All UC ANR CE advisors are required to actively serve the University, as well as the public. University service may occur at the local, division, state, national, or international levels. Examples of potential University service activities include serving on a university workgroup or committee, providing leadership in program teams, or advocacy efforts. Public service should involve activities and events in which the CE advisor uses their professional expertise to benefit groups or efforts outside the University. Examples may include serving on external boards or councils, participating in community events, and leadership of non-University collaborative groups.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develop and implement effective UC ANR Cooperative Extension applied research and educational programs to address the identified priority needs of the clientele that are consistent with ANR's Strategic Vision and ANR initiatives <http://ucanr.edu/sites/StrategicInitiatives/>.
- Conduct and report regular comprehensive needs assessments to identify priority issues or problems relevant to the local clientele groups being served.
- Develop and implement applied research designed to monitor changes and solve locally relevant problems.
- Disseminate useful, science-based information to inform clientele, using extension methods that are responsive to clientele needs and appropriate for the audience and situation.
- Maintain and promote UC ANR CE's credibility and visibility by participating in professional organizations and collaborating with government agencies, commodity groups, allied industry groups, policy makers and other organizations by providing independent science-based information and leadership.

- Evaluate programs and report accomplishments, results, and potential or actual impacts to scientific and lay audiences through a variety of outreach methods.
- Develop collaborative teams with other UC ANR academics, including CE specialists, AES faculty, CE advisors and/or others, to address priority issues for UC ANR.

RELATIONSHIPS: The CE advisor is administratively responsible to the UCCE Stanislaus county director, with input from the San Joaquin county director.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: An understanding of and commitment to UC ANR's affirmative action goals and commitments is expected of all CE advisors.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: A minimum of a master's degree is required, though other advanced degrees are encouraged, in disciplines such as pomology, production horticulture, plant science or a closely related field. An understanding of agricultural production practices, field research and statistical design is required. The ability to build partnerships and to work with multidisciplinary teams to address production and environmental challenges is required. Competence in contemporary communication methods is desirable. Experience in applied research and extension is highly desirable. Excellent written, public speaking and interpersonal communication skills are required.

SALARY: Beginning salary will be in the Cooperative Extension Assistant Advisor Rank and commensurate with applicable experience and professional qualifications. For information regarding the Cooperative Extension Advisor salary scale, please refer to: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/anrstaff/files/250093.pdf>. If the successful candidate is currently a UCCE advisor with indefinite status, the candidate will be offered the position commensurate with applicable experience and professional qualifications with eligibility to retain such indefinite status.

BENEFITS: The University of California offers comprehensive benefits including two days per month paid vacation, one day per month paid sick leave, and approximately thirteen paid holidays per year. This position is eligible for sabbatical leave privileges as per the terms of University policy. For more information, refer to the UC Benefits website at: <http://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/>.

HOW TO APPLY: To be considered, applicants must electronically submit the following four components of the Application Packet to anracademicsearch@ucanr.edu:

1. Cover Letter
2. ANR Academic Application Form— from the ANR website at: <http://ucanr.edu/academicapplication>

Please include a list of potential references. If you are selected for an interview, the search committee will contact the references you listed on the UC ANR application form (a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses). Please do not send letters of reference.



3. CV or Resume
4. College Level Transcripts: Submit all university-level transcripts as a single PDF file with your application packet.

Application and associated materials will not be returned to the applicant.

A search committee will review all applications, interview candidates, and recommend individuals most suitable for the position.

For information regarding this position, please contact

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ANR Academic HR

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As of January 1, 2014, ANR is a smoke- and tobacco-free environment in which smoking, the use of smokeless tobacco products, and the use of unregulated nicotine products (e-cigarettes), is strictly prohibited.