



Land Use & Natural Resources Committee

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UC Davis World Food Center Briefing

Issue: UC Davis recently launched the World Food Center.

Recommendation: None. This item is for information only.

Discussion: In June 2013, UC Davis launched a new initiative, the World Food Center, and in October 2013, named Roger Beachy as Director and Josette Lewis as Associate Director. The World Food Center was initiated to address issues related to agriculture and food and how to feed a growing global population. The Center will work in five key areas:

- Research: Collaborative and strategic research results;
- Innovation: Tech transfer and intellectual property compensation in ways that reward collaboration;
- Industry: Pre-competitive and university partnerships that drive innovation;
- Policy: Policy coordination and goal-setting collaborations through agency and government entities; and
- Education: Fulfilling the purpose and intent of land-grant institutions.

SACOG staff has met with Ms. Lewis to discuss the potential application of parts of the RUCS toolkit for possible future projects. Ms. Lewis will provide a briefing to the Committee on the Center's objectives and recent activities.

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