

# Cooperative Extension Section Regional Scans

September 2012

## Western Extension Directors Association

### Critical Issues

#### **Program Related Issues:**

- Wildfire
- Drought
- Water quantity and quality
- Influence of climate change on all of the above; implications for growth and development in the West; possible intervention/adaptation strategies
- Energy, including alternative energy and energy conservation
- Rural community and economic development
- Healthy living
- Positive youth development

#### **High Priority Organizational Issues:**

- Evaluating impact of Extension programs, including regional impact evaluation
- Marketing regional impact of Extension
- Addressing priority needs of urban audiences
- Future of SNAP-Ed and EFNEP in light of success of programs like Cooking Matters that receive large amounts of private funding
- Professional development
  - Professional development for regional directors (mid-managers)
  - New faculty/staff orientation
  - Using technology for problem solving
- Multi-state collaboration on common issues
- Sustainable funding for WRDC

### Director/Administrator Changes

- University of Arizona - Jeff Silvertooth, Associate Dean, Economic Development and Extension Director, replaced Interim Extension Director Kirk Astroth.

## Western Extension Directors Association (continued)

- University of Hawaii - Maria Gallo, Dean and Director, replaced Interim Dean and Extension Director Sylvia Yuen. Carl Evensen continues as Associate Dean and Associate Director for Cooperative Extension.
- University of Nevada – Jerry Buk, Interim Dean and Director, replaced Dean and Director Karen Hinton.
- Montana State University – Jill Martz, Interim Director of Extension, replaced Vice President for External Relations & Director of Extension Douglas Steele.
- Washington State University – Rich Koenig, Associate Dean & Director of WSU Extension, replaced Interim Extension Director Randy Baldree.

### **Future WEDA Meetings**

- October 17-19, WEDA Fall Meeting, Portland, OR
- April 29-May 3, 2013, WEDA/WRPLC/WAAESD Spring Meeting, Fort Collins, CO
- July 15-18, 2013, Joint Summer Meeting, Coeur d'Alene, ID