

**Western Association of  
Agricultural Experiment Station Directors**

**Fall WAAESD Meeting  
MINUTES**



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**Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge  
Charlotte, NC  
September 28 – October 1, 2015**

## Summary of Action Taken

Agenda Item	Action
2.0	Agenda, as modified, and minutes from the 2015 summer meeting were unanimously approved
3.0	Unanimously approved a motion to absolve the Northern Marianas of their FY16 WAAESD dues in response to the natural disaster that occurred earlier this year.
7.0	Unanimously approved Executive Committee motion to approve Jim Moyer as incoming Chair and Milan Shipka as incoming Chair-Elect for 2016.

**Agenda Item 1.0: Welcome and Introductions**

**Presenter:** Jim Moyer, Mike Harrington

**Action Requested:** For information

Jim Moyer, Chair-elect, called the meeting to order. The participants introduced themselves.

Participants:

Mike Harrington (WAAESD)

Sarah Lupis (WAAESD; by phone)

Charles Boyer (MSU)

Jim Moyer (WSU)

Bret Hess (UW)

Tom Holtzer (CSU)

Glenda Humiston (UCANR)

Steve Loring (NMSU)

Chris Pritsos (UNR)

Milan Shipka (UAF)

Fred Schlutt (UAF)

Mark McGuire (IU)

**Agenda Item 2.0:** Approval of agenda, summer meeting minutes

**Presenter:** Larry Curtis

**Action Requested:** Approve today's agenda and the minutes from the 2015 summer meeting

Action Taken: Agenda, as modified, and the minutes from the 2015 summer meeting were unanimously approved.

**Background:**

### Agenda

Agenda Item	Time	Topic	Presenters
1.0	4:30 – 4:35	Welcome and Introductions	Larry Curtis/Mike Harrington
2.0	4:35-4:40	Approve agenda, minutes from 7/15	Larry Curtis
3.0	4:40-4:45	Budget Update	Charles Boyer
4.0	4:45-5:15	Western Agenda Follow-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Communications efforts</li><li>• W505 creation</li><li>• Report copies</li></ul>	Bret Hess, John Tanaka, Sarah Lupis
5.0	5:15-5:45	NRSP Review Committee update	Bret Hess
6.0	5:45-5:50	Review of upcoming meetings (2016 Spring, 2016 Summer, 2016 Fall)	Steve Loring, Charles Boyer, Bret Hess
7.0	5:45-6:00	Changing of the Guard	Mike Harrington
8.0	6:00-	Administration status summary	All

### Consent Agenda Items

- Executive Director 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report
- Assistant Director 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

**Minutes from the 2015 WAAESD Summer Meeting:** [http://www.waaesd.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/WAAESD\\_WRJSM2015\\_MINUTES\\_20150825.pdf](http://www.waaesd.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/WAAESD_WRJSM2015_MINUTES_20150825.pdf)

**Agenda Item 3.0:** Budget Update

**Presenter:** Charles Boyer

**Action Requested:** For information

**Action Taken:** Unanimously approved a motion to absolve the Northern Marianas of their FY16 WAAESD dues in response to the natural disaster that occurred earlier this year.

**Background:**

**WESTERN DIRECTOR EXPERIMENT STATION  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FY2016**

4-Sep-15

<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>FY 16 Assessments</b>	<b>Outstanding Assessments</b>	<b>Payment Received</b>	<b>Balance Due</b>
Alaska	\$ 11,184.96		\$ 11,184.96	\$ -
Am Samoa	\$ 1,000.00	1,200.00		\$ 2,200.00
Arizona	\$ 19,295.93	19,716.89		\$39,012.82
California	\$ 31,374.78		31,374.78	\$ -
Colorado	\$ 23,061.46		15,261.46	\$ 7,800.00
CSU Rent	\$ (7,800.00)			\$ (7,800.00)
Guam	\$ 10,913.01		10,913.01	\$ -
Hawaii	\$ 14,365.48			\$14,365.48
Idaho	\$ 17,179.51		17,179.51	\$ -
Micronesia	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00
Montana	\$ 18,125.38		18,125.38	\$ -
Nevada	\$ 14,129.04		14,129.04	\$ -
New Mexico	\$ 14,610.35		14,610.35	\$ -
Northern Marianas	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00
Oregon	\$ 21,802.54		21,802.54	\$ -
Utah	\$ 18,997.16			\$18,997.16
Washington	\$ 28,829.17		28,829.17	\$ -
Wyoming	\$ 16,340.01		16,340.01	\$ -
<b>Assessment Total</b>	<b>\$ 255,408.78</b>	<b>\$ 20,916.89</b>	<b>\$ 199,750.21</b>	<b>\$ 76,575.46</b>

**INCOME / EXPENSE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Transaction</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>
7/1/15	Balance forward			\$ 112,470.62
	YTD Assessments Received	\$ 199,750.21		312,220.83
	<u>Interest Earned</u>			
	July	14.66		312,235.49
	August	39.98		312,275.47
	September			312,275.47
	October			312,275.47
	November			312,275.47
	December			312,275.47
	January			312,275.47
	February			312,275.47
	March			312,275.47
	April			312,275.47
	May			312,275.47
	June			312,275.47
7/1/15	MT Accounting Fee		\$ 3,500.00	308,775.47
	<u>CSU Payments</u>			
8/6/15	FY15 Fourth Quarter		64,413.92	244,361.55
	First Quarter			244,361.55
	Second Quarter			244,361.55
	Third Quarter			244,361.55
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 199,804.85</b>	<b>\$ 67,913.92</b>	<b>\$ 244,361.55</b>

**WESTERN DIRECTOR SPECIAL ACCOUNT  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FY2016**

4-Sep-15

<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>FY 16 Assessments</b>	<b>Outstanding Assessments</b>	<b>Payment Received</b>	<b>Balance Due</b>
Alaska				\$ -
Am Samoa				-
Arizona				-
California				-
Colorado				-
CSU Rent				-
Guam				-
Hawaii				-
Idaho				-
Micronesia				-
Montana				-
Nevada				-
New Mexico				-
Northern Marianas				-
Oregon				-
Utah				-
Washington				-
Wyoming				-
<b>Assessment Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**INCOME / EXPENSE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Transaction</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>
7/1/15	Balance forward			\$ 18,664.78
	YTD Assessments Received			18,664.78
	<u>Interest Earned</u>			
	July	1.50		18,666.28
	August	2.82		18,669.10
	September			18,669.10
	October			18,669.10
	November			18,669.10
	December			18,669.10
	January			18,669.10
	February			18,669.10
	March			18,669.10
	April			18,669.10
	May			18,669.10
	June			18,669.10
7/22/2015	James Ogsbury travel		316.07	18,353.03
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 4.32</b>	<b>\$ 316.07</b>	<b>\$ 18,353.03</b>

NOTE: 2008 Grant workshop net from regional workshop plus interest (\$4074.33)

**WESTERN DIRECTOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FY2016**

4-Sep-15

<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>FY 16 Assessments</b>	<b>Outstanding Assessments</b>	<b>Payment Received</b>	<b>Balance Due</b>
Alaska	\$ 1,311.46		\$ 1,311.46	\$ -
Am Samoa	\$ 200.00	400.00		600.00
Arizona	\$ 1,311.46		1,311.46	-
California	\$ 1,311.46			1,311.46
Colorado	\$ 1,311.46		1,311.46	-
Guam	\$ 1,311.46		1,311.46	-
Hawaii	\$ 1,311.46			1,311.46
Idaho	\$ 1,311.46		1,311.46	-
Micronesia	\$ 200.00	400.00		600.00
Montana	\$ 1,311.46		1,311.46	-
Nevada	\$ 1,311.46		1,311.46	-
New Mexico	\$ 1,311.46		1,311.46	-
Northern Marianas	\$ 200.00			200.00
Oregon	\$ 1,311.46		1,311.46	-
Utah	\$ 1,311.46			1,311.46
Washington	\$ 1,311.46			1,311.46
Wyoming	\$ 1,311.46			1,311.46
<b>Assessment Total</b>	<b>\$18,960.44</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>	<b>\$11,803.14</b>	<b>\$ 7,957.30</b>

**INCOME / EXPENSE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Transaction</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>
7/1/15	Balance forward			\$ 14,266.08
	YTD Assessments Received	\$ 11,803.14		26,069.22
	<u>Interest earned</u>			
	July	1.44		26,070.66
	August	3.23		26,073.89
	September			26,073.89
	October			26,073.89
	November			26,073.89
	December			26,073.89
	January			26,073.89
	February			26,073.89
	March			26,073.89
	April			26,073.89
	May			26,073.89
	June			26,073.89
	<u>CSU Payments</u>			
8/6/15	FY15 Fourth Quarter		4,783.00	21,290.89
	First Quarter			21,290.89
	Second Quarter			21,290.89
	Third Quarter			21,290.89
	Fourth Quarter			21,290.89
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$11,807.81</b>	<b>\$ 4,783.00</b>	<b>\$21,290.89</b>

**WESTERN DIRECTOR JOINT SUMMER MEETING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FY2016**

4-Sep-15

ASSESSMENTS	FY 16 Assessments	Outstanding Assessments	Payment Received	Balance Due
Alaska				\$ -
Am Samoa				-
Arizona				-
California				-
Colorado				-
Guam				-
Hawaii				-
Idaho				-
Micronesia				-
Montana				-
Nevada				-
New Mexico				-
Northern Marianas				-
Oregon				-
Utah				-
Washington				-
Wyoming				-
<b>Assessment Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

<b>INCOME / EXPENSE</b>
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Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
7/1/15	Balance forward			\$ 3,694.18
	YTD Assessments Received	\$ -		3,694.18
	<u>Interest Earned</u>			
	July	0.27		3,694.45
	August	0.51		3,694.96
	September			3,694.96
	October			3,694.96
	November			3,694.96
	December			3,694.96
	January			3,694.96
	February			3,694.96
	March			3,694.96
	April			3,694.96
	May			3,694.96
	June			3,694.96
				3,694.96
				3,694.96
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 0.78</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,694.96</b>



#### **Agenda Item 4.0: Western Agenda Follow-Up**

**Presenter:** Bret Hess, John Tanaka, Sarah Lupis

**Action Requested:** For information

#### **Background:**

##### Outreach Event Summary

Dave Thompson (NMSU) presented a 10 minute talk on the Western Agenda to the WASDA (Western Association of State Departments of Agriculture) annual meeting that was held in NM during July 2015. The group visited the Sustainable Agricultural Science Center at Alcalde as part of a field tour, where they toured the center and had lunch. Dave passed out copies of the agenda and actually ran out - several offices inquired about multiple copies. Dave has mentioned the Western Agenda at several of our field days this summer; however, did not pass out any literature.

Bret Hess presented an overview of the Western Perspective & Western Agenda to the Public Lands Council (PLC) during their breakfast on Friday, September 11, 2015. 12 copies of the Western Perspective & Western Agenda were distributed to PLC members, including Executive Director, Dustin Van Liew and Manager of Legislative Affairs, Marci Schlup.

The presentation included the following details:

The overall purpose of the Western Perspective & Western Agenda is to document and demonstrate the value and contributions of the West to the US agricultural sector and how the Western Land-Grant Universities provide support to the region. Western Deans and Directors are interested in coordinating with PLC and others to influence decision makers and enhance funding related to address agricultural issues in the West.

Main points related to the Western Perspective:

- 1) The importance of the West to the US agriculture economy (23.3% of US farm gate value);
- 2) The vast expanse of the Western Region, including the 47% publicly owned lands that most of the members utilize for their ranching operation.

Main Points related to the Western Agenda:

- 1) Coordination among the Western Land-Grant Universities to address issues involving
- 2) Sustainable Production Systems, which for PLC members, rely heavily on Natural Resources
- 3) And within Natural Resources issues related to Water, Wildlife, Wildfire, Invasive Species, Pests & Disease, Ecosystem Services, Forestry and Forest Ecosystems, & Economic Opportunities (e.g., Agritourism).

WAAESD Progress:

- 1) Initiated a Rapid Response Project titled "Using Science-Based Solutions in Conservation of Threatened & Endangered Species: Sage-Grouse Case Study" with Dr. John Tanaka serving as Administrative Advisor.
- 2) Working on coordinate this effort with Governor Mead as Chair of Western Governors Association and Western Governors Association Executive Director, James Ogsbury (NOTE: both had already spoke, and Ogsbury was in the audience nodding his head in agreement to this comment).
- 3) The purpose of the project is to develop a process for scientist collaboration on assessing the best available science related to threatened and endangered species. Specifically to understand: 1) the process for submitting science to the USFWS; 2) current Land-Grant University involvement; 3) how to better engage Land-Grant University scientists; & lastly
- 4) to make recommendations on how the process may be improved.

Western NACO is considering a request to include the Western Agenda/Perspective on the agenda for their annual meeting in Wyoming.

Glenda Humiston shared the report with all State Directors of USDA Rural Development in the west and encouraged them to share it broadly. The USDA Rural Development directors have recently been working on a similar plan and Glenda suspects there might be strong interest in partnering in the future.

### Creation of Rapid Response Project

John Tanaka drafted a rapid response project proposal which was available for comment in August and September. This project has been created in NIMSS as W506: "Using Science-Based Solutions in Conservation of Threatened and Endangered Species: Sage-Grouse Case Study," and invitations to participate were distributed in early September. The project will try to meet (perhaps initially by conference call) as soon as a critical mass of participants have signed up.

The Western Governors Association announced the launch of an Endangered Species Initiative. The goal of the initiative is to evaluate the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and identify what has made it successful and where change is needed. There will be five forums hosted in various western states where experts will share best practices and case studies on species management. According to WGA, "The information collected at the forums will be compiled into a report that will guide legislative, regulatory or legal actions to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the ESA." Mike Harrington has contacted Jim Ogsbury of WGA and made him aware of our complimentary effort (the above RR project). John Tanaka (UW) will likely attend the first forum which will take place in Wyoming in November.

The W506 Multistate Research committee is in the process of forming. Several states have participants signed up. Others are in the process of identifying participants and getting them registered.

### Communications Efforts

Following the summer meeting, communications staff from several Western Region LGUs formed an ad-hoc group to address communications needs stemming from the release of the WA/WP Report and the collective desire to promote the report, Western Region issues, and LGU solutions. The group consists of:

- Jennifer Alexander (OSU)
- Joanne Littlefield (CSU)
- Peg Herring (OSU)
- Jason Kosovski (CSU)
- Kimberly O'Neil (UI)
- Juella Sparks (UAF)
- Steve Miller (UW)
- Anne Leonard (UW)
- Jennifer Lavey (MSU)
- Mike Janes (UCANR)

Bret Hess, Bill Frost, Sarah Lupis, and kglobal are providing support and guidance as this group moves forward with developing a plan to disseminate the WP/WA, with special focus on preparing for the spring 2016 hill visits. A list serve has been created and the group has had one conference call. The proposed communications plan is included below.

## Communication/Outreach Products and/or Projects for the Western Agenda/Perspective

ITEM	WHO	DEADLINE	JUSTIFICATION/DESCRIPTION
Branding/Logo	All	November, 2015	Uniformity, consistency is important to develop brand recognition among our stakeholders
Website	WAAESD-- Sarah Lupis	January, 2016	To be used to house general information on the western agenda. The document originally developed will be written for the web. In the future, feature stories, events, etc. could be here, but will primarily serve as a central location for the Western Agenda, with links to other institutions, where appropriate.
Video	Idaho?	June, 2016	Given funding, a short 3 minute video will be developed that can be used in various settings to promote the Western Agenda.
Single Page Summary	California - Mike Janes	December, 2015	One page summary of the Western Agenda that all states can use
Single Page, Topic Specific Summary	TBD	December, 2015	To accompany the one page summary of the Western Agenda, several (3-4?)1-page summaries will be developed, each one to focus on a specific topic – TBD by the directors.
One-liner	California – Mike Janes	November, 2015	A single sentence that can be used to quickly summarize the mission/vision of the project that each state can implement immediately.
Communications Guide	California & kglobal – Mike Janes & Ashley Hawn	Spring, 2016	A comprehensive document that can be referenced by communicators and directors in each state on how to implement the communications tools developed to promote the Western Agenda.
Webinar	Kglobal— Ashley Hawn	Spring, 2016	An opportunity to present the Communications Guide to communicators and directors.
Twitter Town Hall	Kglobal— Ashley Hawn	Spring, 2016	Post hill visits, Ashley will lead this effort to continue promoting the Western Agenda via social media channels
Postcard	Alaska— Juella Sparks	December, 2016	A postcard-sized reminder card with the one-liner and link to the website

### Report Copies

The Western Agenda & Western Perspective report is available on the WAAESD website: <http://www.waaesd.org/the-western-agenda>

Copies of the report can be obtained via the Western Directors Office—order form attached.

# The Western Agenda/Western Perspective Report

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**Agenda Item 5.0: NRSP Review Committee update**

**Presenters:** Bret Hess

**Action Requested:** For information

**Background:**

**NRSP Review Committee Members**

<p>Bret Hess, Chair (WAAESD)</p> <p>Delegates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fred Servello (NERA)</li><li>• Shirley Hymon-Parker (ARD)</li><li>• Doug Buhler (NCRA)</li><li>• Tom Bewick (NIFA)</li><li>• Clarence Watson (SAAESD)</li><li>• L. Washington Lyons (Cooperative Extension)</li></ul>	<p>Executive Directors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eric Young (SAAESD)</li><li>• Mike Harrington, Executive Vice-Chair (WAAESD)</li></ul> <p>Interim Delegate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tim Phipps (NERA)</li></ul> <p>Stakeholder Representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Don Latham (CARET)</li></ul>
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The NRSP Review Committee (NRSP-RC) met in Denver, CO on May 28, 2015 for its annual meeting to review proposals, budgets, and guidelines and make recommendations for funding. The committee recognized the need for additional clarification regarding peer review of proposals and is currently drafting an appendix to the guidelines to more clearly outline this processes. Recommendations are presented below.

During the meeting, there was discussion of future NRSPs and how new NRSPs are formed, what kind of strategy is used to prioritize new topics for NRSPs.

**NRSP 2015-2016**  
**Requests for Off-the-Top Funding**

Project	Request FY2013	Authorized FY2013	Request FY2014	Authorized FY2014	Request FY2015	Approved FY2015	†Request FY2016	NRSP Review Committee Recommendation
NRSP1	50,000	50,000	75,000	75,000	300,000	300,000	183,500	
NRSP3	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
NRSP4	481,182	481,182	481,182	481,182	481,182	481,182	<i>see below</i>	
NRSP6	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	<i>see below</i>	
NRSP7	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	<i>see below</i>	
NRSP8	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	
NRSP9	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	
NRSP10					398,631	398,631	370,165	
NRSP_TEMP004 (NRSP4)							481,182	<i>Approve proposal &amp; 5-year budget request.</i>
NRSP_TEMP006 (NRSP6)							150,000	<i>Approve proposal &amp; 5-year budget request; require committee to investigate alternative funding models and report back to NRSP-RC at mid-term review. See attached.</i>
NRSP_TEMP7 (NRSP7)							325,000	<i>Reject proposal &amp; 5-year budget request; with 1-year transition funding for \$325,000. See attached.</i>
NRSP_TEMP9 (NRSP9)							225,000	<i>Approve proposal &amp; 5-year budget request.</i>

†As of 2012, all NRSP budgets are approved for the duration of their current 5-year cycle, assuming an acceptable mid-term review.

### Summary of NRSPs

Project Number	Project Name	Project Period	Mid-term Review Year
NRSP-1	National Information Management and Support System (NIMSS)	2014-2017	2016
NRSP-3	The National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP)	2014-2019	2017
NRSP-4 (NRSP_TEMP4)	Enabling Pesticide Registrations for Specialty Crops and Minor Uses	2015-2020	2018
NRSP-6 (NRSP_TEMP6)	The U.S. Potato Genebank: Acquisition, Classification, Preservation, Evaluation and Distribution of Potato ( <i>Solanum</i> ) Germplasm	2015-2020	2018
NRSP-7 (NRSP_TEMP7)	A National Agricultural Program for Minor Use Animal Drugs	2015-2016	-
NRSP-8	National Animal Genome Research Program	2013-2018	2016
NRSP-9 (NRSP_TEMP9)	National Animal Nutrition Program	2015-2020	2018
NRSP10	Database Resources for Crop Genomics, Genetics and Breeding Research	2014-2019	2017

# **A Synopsis of the U.S. Potato Genebank: Acquisition, Classification, Preservation, Evaluation and Distribution of Potato (*Solanum*) Germplasm (NRSP6)**

## **Background**

The official National Plant Germplasm System project for the US potato genebank is in the National Research Support System designated as NRSP6. The NRSP system is a key facet of the State Agricultural Experiment Station (SAES) System. NRSP6 provides germplasm stocks, germplasm data, R&D techniques and tools and custom materials for germplasm evaluation to the stakeholders such as public and private plant breeders, potato researchers, food suppliers and processors both domestically and internationally. NRSP6 has been a viable national project (since the 1950s) with current top 10 state (unit) users from CA, IA, ID, MD, MI, MN, NY, OR, WA and WI and, in reality, nearly 50 states using the Genebank over short timeframes. The Genebank has over 5,000 items of germplasm for the world's most important non-cereal crop with 45% of these being unique. While the demand for Genebank services is increasing, the overall financial health is declining; thereby creating uncertainties that project evaluators recommend broader discussions to identify options for a more sustainable future. Very preliminary conversations have occurred with the National Potato Council leadership and staff, a NRSP review team member, a state breeder, state potato commission and a regional agricultural research association. Other key leaders, users and stakeholders must be consulted and fully engaged in order to design alternative funding models.

## **Challenges**

- Potato is a prohibited import crop, so current genetic resources in the US genebank are the only ones readily available to users. Continued restrictions on international germplasm collection and distribution limit new discoveries, thereby increasing the importance and use of the current stocks.
- Historical purchasing power erosion and direct cuts in program support across all of the primary funding sources (USDA Ag Research Service, State Ag Experiment Stations, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Industry, grants) and numerous in-kind contributions negatively impact the overall operation of NRSP6. Budget pressures have negatively impacted: personnel, operations, maintenance, facility and equipment. The end result is a tenuous future.
- A key essence of the NRSP system is to leverage expertise and resources across priority projects such that the SAES System and other users (as appropriate) benefit and share the costs. This is a strength as well as a weakness.

## **Next Steps**

- Fortuitously, several key meetings are occurring which will allow for a more inclusive discussion and evaluation of future prospects for action (National Potato Council board and managers summer meeting, NRSP6 and regional ag research association(s)).
- Assuming that these discussions are favorable, key individuals should be identified to serve on a committee to delve deeper into the challenge and identify potential solutions that will lead to a consistent and sustainable funding model that will ensure a quality, financially stable and comprehensive US Potato Genebank well into the future.



## **A Synopsis of the National Agricultural Program for Minor Use Animal Drugs. (NRSP-7)**

### **Background**

The minor use animal drug program has been in existence since 1983 with the following mission/objectives:

1. *Identify* animal drug needs, including naturally occurring biotherapeutics and feed additives, for minor species and minor uses in major species,
2. *Generate* and *disseminate* data for safe and effective therapeutic and biotherapeutic applications, and
3. *Facilitate* FDA/CVM approvals for drugs and biotherapeutics identified as a priority for a minor species or minor use.

NRSP-7 functions to coordinate efforts among animal producers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, FDA/CVM, USDA/ Research, Education, and Extension, universities, State Agricultural Experiment Stations and veterinary medical colleges throughout the country.

The project has received off the top funding since USDA NIFA funds have not been available for the past 6 years. After efforts to join forces with NRSP4 failed in 2014, the NRSP Review Committee (RC) provided a one year approval with a requirement of leveraging off the top funding and also emphasized the importance of engaging stakeholders in support of the project.

A majority of NRSP-RC members felt that the committee did not demonstrate “new” leveraged funds, as required, and, rather, only did a better job of reporting funds that already existed (based on explanations provided in the proposal). In addition, the RC expressed concern that, even with NRSP funding, there would not be sufficient funds to make the program effective or impactful. Finally, there was concern about a lack of stakeholder involvement.

Thus, by a **7-1 vote, the committee approved a recommendation to reject the proposal and budget.** Assuming the recommendation is upheld at the Experiment Station Section Meeting in September, NRSP7 will receive 1-year of funding at the current level to phase out activities.

### **Challenges**

- New Minor Use Animal Drugs have been approved at a rate of 1.6/yr. during the 32 years of the program and 52 applications have been made.
- The cost of the program to provide information to support a single label claim has risen to approximately \$3.1 million. At the current funding level approval of a single drug would require 4-5 years.
- There are currently six active projects.
- There is little or no *organized* stakeholder involvement (i.e., an advisory committee) in identifying priorities.
- The program has struggled to remain in existence.
- The program has been unable to garner broad stakeholder support.

**Additional Comments:**

The NRSP-RC feels that this is an important effort but it needs to have more structure and guidance. This would commence with a retreat of the administrative advisors and other principals at a central location. This meeting would address organizational shortcomings and develop further approaches to codify the program.

A second meeting would bring together stakeholders including the drug industry, producers, USDA, with the aim of directly identifying problems, address funding needs and creating an Advisory Committee.

Several NRSP-RC members are interested in working with the committee to build support for the program to a level that would truly make it effective and impactful.

## **NRSP\_TEMP007 Addendum and Response**

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**Subject:** NRSP-007 reconsideration request

**Importance:** High

**To:** NRSP Review Committee

**From:** Margaret Smith, Lead Administrative Advisor for NRSP-007

**Re:** Reconsideration of NRSP-007 renewal request

Kindly find attached information requesting reconsideration of the NRSP Review Committee's recommendation to terminate NRSP-007. This information comes from the NRSP-007 chair and regional managers. They make a strong case for the need for continuation of NRSP-007, which I sincerely hope your group will carefully consider. Please note that the essentials are summarized in the prologue and expanded on in only five following pages, the document addresses key concerns regarding the project expressed by your group, and especially note the strong letter of support from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine at the end of the document.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of this document.

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Colleagues:

We read with interest the addendum provided by the members of NRSP-7.

We want to be clear as to the current status of the project. The NRSP Review Committee (NRSP-RC) provided for a one year project in 2014 with specific guidance that the project seek additional resources (not in kind). In addition, there was an identified need to develop strong connections with industry stakeholders. Unfortunately the proposal fell well short of the committee's expectations so a recommendation, as seconded motion, will be made to the Experiment Station Section (ESS) not to fund this project. The ESS will vote during its annual meeting in late September. A majority of the members must vote against the NRSP-RC recommendation resulting in the Committee developing an alternative motion. Should the vote uphold the committee's recommendation, NRSP-7 will have a final year of funding at the current level of \$325,000 to close out the project.

The NRSP-RC recognizes the importance of NRSP-7 and is most concerned about its long term viability. Regardless of the ESS vote, NRSP-RC members are willing to assist the project team with essential steps toward a sustainable future. The NRSP-RC suggested set of taking points (see attached) providing action steps and guidance to the project were developed and shared early in the summer.

Please feel free to contact either or both of us if you would like to discuss this further.

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**Agenda Item 6.0:** Review of Upcoming Meetings

**Presenters:** Steve Loring, Charles Boyer, Bret Hess

**Action Requested:** For Information

**Background:**

2016 WAAESD/WEDA/WRPLC Joint Spring Meeting: March 29-April 1, 2016, Santa Fe, NM.

2016 Western Region Joint Summer Meeting: July 10-16, 2016, Holiday Inn, West Yellowstone, MT

2016 Joint ESS/CES-NEDA Meeting: September 19-22, 2016, Jackson Lake Lodge, Grand Teton National Park, just outside Jackson Hole, Wyoming

**Agenda Item 7.0:** Changing of the Guard

**Presenter:** Mike Harrington

**Action Requested:** Approve Executive Committee motion to approve Jim Moyer as incoming Chair and Milan Shipka as incoming Chair-Elect for 2016.

**Action Taken:** Unanimously approved Executive Committee motion to approve Jim Moyer as incoming Chair and Milan Shipka as incoming Chair-Elect for 2016.

**Background:**

Following recent personnel changes that impacted the make-up of the 2016 incoming officer slate, the Executive Committee approached Jim Moyer and Milan Shipka about taking on leadership positions on the WAAESD.

Following today's unanimous vote of approval, the 2016 officer slate for WAAESD is as follows:

Chair: Jim Moyer (WSU)

Chair-Elect: Milan Shipka (UAF)

Secretary: Rachel Leon Guerrero (GU)

Treasurer: Charles Boyer (MSU)

Senior ESCOP Rep: Dave Thompson (NMSU)

At Large Members: Steve Loring (NMSU) and Don Snyder (USU)

On behalf of Larry Curtis, current Chair, who was absent from this meeting, Mike Harrington presented the gavel to Jim Moyer.

**Agenda Item 8.0:** Administration Status Summary

**Presenters:** All

**Action Requested:** For information

**Background:**

In response to a request by Jim Moyer, each state reported on recent changes in administration at the university and college level.