

## Advisory Team for the Future of Agricultural Research

This advisory team will serve a critical role to help ACES improve the effectiveness and focus of our Agricultural Science Centers (ASCs). The members are drawn from the groups of our research community with experience and commitment to the statewide responsibilities of the ASCs and those potentially the most affected by the future success of the ASCs. This is an action-oriented group with the specific purpose to define options for ASC support in the future. The advisory team will meet in person several times over the next six months, possibly at a couple of the ASCs. The team will develop a set of recommendations to be presented to the Dean. This advisory team is part of the larger ACES/NMSU initiative to reexamine our structure and roles in education, Extension, and research.

**Problem:** Lack of resources to adequately support the AES network in NM.

**Outcome:** Define options for insuring the future success of the AES system.

1. Find more resources – More state/federal \$\$, grants, donations, sales, ???
2. Redirect ASC research
3. Close/consolidate ASCs
4. Other options?

**Timeline:** Initial meeting should be in person and will help us define how to be the most effective team.

1. All ASC Advisory boards meet with Dean Flores
  - a. Clayton – Feb 1, 2017
  - b. Artesia – Feb 2, 2017
  - c. Mora – March 31, 2017 (with USFS) other meetings with stakeholders later
  - d. Farmington – April 18, 2017
  - e. Corona – April 27, 2017
  - f. Tucumcari – April 28, 2017
  - g. Clovis – April 28, 2017
  - h. Los Lunas – May 3, 2017
  - i. Alcalde – August 2, 2017
2. Week of May 29 – Initial meeting to provide materials and discuss the charge of this group. Committee members will solicit input from their peers summarize options and concerns and prepare to present information in June.
3. Week of June 26 – Second meeting to discuss options and begin putting together recommendations.
4. Week of July 31 – Finalize tentative recommendations and get permission from administration to solicit input from stakeholders and ACES community.
5. Week of August 28 or earlier depending on deadlines for stakeholder input - Produce final document to help direct future support for AES network.

**Advisory Team Composition (14 to 16 members):**

1. Steve Loring, AES Associate Director – Chair/Facilitator
2. Bruce Davis, Rancher member of the Advisory Board at Clayton
3. Roland Sanchez, MD from Belen
4. Dino Cervantes, Chile Processor, Las Cruces
5. Shad Cox, Superintendent Corona
6. Steve Guldán, Superintendent Alcalde
7. Jane Pierce, Assoc. Professor Artesia ASC
8. Shengrui Yao, Assoc. Professor Alcalde ASC
9. Dave Lowry, Farm Manager Leyendecker
10. Aaron Scott, Farm Manager Clovis
11. Stephanie Walker, Assoc. Professor EPS
12. Clint Loest, Professor ANRS
13. Natalie Goldberg, Department Head EPS
14. Jerry Sims, Department Head EPWS

**Background materials to be provided to all advisory team members:**

1. Staffing at each ASC – faculty, staff, temporary
2. Operations funding for each ASC
  - a. Include specifics about funding (State, Federal, PI totals, base totals)
  - b. History of the funding (legislative, state, etc.)
3. Other sources of revenue for each ASC
  - a. Sales
  - b. Grants and contracts
  - c. Gifts
4. Deferred maintenance at each ASC
5. Internal SWOT analyses
6. Site descriptions
  - a. Acreage – irrigated
  - b. Buildings
  - c. Land ownership