#### Ballot: NRSP RC motions for consideration by the Experiment Station Section. September 25, 2019

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**Motion 1**. Reduce the final year budget of NRSP6 (The US Potato Genebank: Acquisition, Classification, Preservation, Evaluation and Distribution of Potato (*Solanum*) Germplasm) by 10% to \$135,000.

Approve	
Reject	
Abstain	

**Motion 2**. Renew NRSP3 **(The National Atmospheric Deposition Program [NADP])** and its annual budgets of \$50,000 (FY2020-FY2024.) Annual budgets are contingent upon progress toward project objectives and satisfactory mid-term review.

Approve	
Reject	
Abstain	

Motion 3. Renew NRSP10 (Database Resources for Crop Genomics, Genetics and Breeding Research) and its annual budgets of \$488,140 (FY2020), \$463,906 (FY2021), \$510,302 (FY2022), \$487,353 (FY2023), and \$500,088 (FY2024). Annual budgets are contingent upon progress toward project objectives and satisfactory mid-term review.

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Fred Servello, Chair

- The NRSP RC recommends to the section:
  - Reduction of the final year budget of NRSP6 (**The US Potato Genebank**) by 10% to \$135,000.
    - Based on conversations with and suggestions by NRSP6.
    - NRSP RC has sought transition plans from NRSP6 for the reduction of off-the-top funding as reported at this meeting in 2018 and requested since 2008.
    - A group of ARS/AES directors will advise NRSP6 on the development of transition plan ideas in advance of the potential renewal of the project in 2020.

• The NRSP-RC recommends to the section:

• Approval of the renewal of NRSP<sub>3</sub> (**The National Atmospheric Deposition Program [NADP]**) at the proposed funding level of \$50,000 per year for the next five years (FY2020-2024).

- Strengthen linkages to agriculture and Extension.
- Expand the number of sampling sites in the West.
- Annual budgets are contingent upon progress toward project objectives and satisfactory mid-term review.

- The NRSP-RC recommends to the section:
  - Approval of the renewal of NRSP10 (**Database Resources for Crop Genomics, Genetics and Breeding Research**) at the proposed funding level of approximately \$500,000 per year for the next five years (FY2020-2024).
    - Per NRSP10: "By the end of the next five-year period in September 2024, NRSP10 resources will be funded solely from alternative sources and no off-the-top funding will be requested thereafter."
    - Annual budgets are contingent upon progress toward project objectives and satisfactory mid-term review.

#### NRSP strategic directions

- Continue to review NRSP projects on behalf of ESS
- Deep dive into NRSP operating rules
  - Focus on consistency, clarity, simplification
  - Sun-setting, transitional business plans, finite periods of funding
  - Updating review forms to better inform NRSP-RC and section on review outcome

• Voting instructions (link to go here or see David Leibovitz)

• Via laptop

• Via phone