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# WESTERN REGIONAL CENTER (WRCEFS): 2019/20 UPDATE

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# Overview

- What's new in 2020?
  - New WRCEFS Coordinator – Stephanie Brown
  - Social media and website updates
- Add-on peer review process
- WRCEFS annual meeting
- WRCEFS/PSA Professional Development Workshop

# WRCEFS Coordinator

- Started- September 2019
- Help coordinate all things WRCEFS
  1. Communications- social media, website, newsletters
  2. Tracking PSA and PCQI trainings
  3. Add-on peer review development



# Updated website, social media etc.

<https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/wrcefs>



## WRCEFS 2019 Annual Meeting

Western Regional Center to Enhance Food Safety (WRCEFS) hosted its 3rd Annual Meeting in Portland, OR on May 15 and 16, 2019. Over two days, 47 attendees had the opportunity to hear the updates from WRCEFS members and FSOP grant awardees in the Western Region, USDA, FDA, PSA, FSPCA, LFSC, sister Regional Centers and Lead Regional Coordination Center. The group discussed project and program evaluations, approach for add-on material reviews, and technical assistance and continuing education efforts for Western Region FSPCA and PSA trainers.

For highlights, see the report attached below.

#### Attachment:

[WRCEFS 2019 Annual Meeting Report](#)

#### OSU Employee(s):

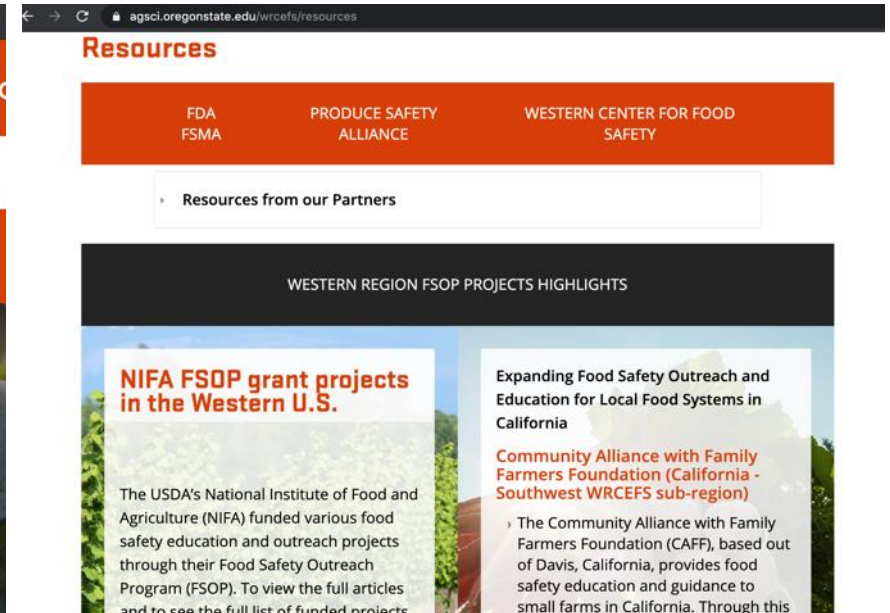
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[WRCEFS Annual Meeting](#)



## Resources

FDA  
FSMA

PRODUCE SAFETY  
ALLIANCE

WESTERN CENTER FOR FOOD  
SAFETY

Resources from our Partners

### WESTERN REGION FSOP PROJECTS HIGHLIGHTS

#### NIFA FSOP grant projects in the Western U.S.

The USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) funded various food safety education and outreach projects through their Food Safety Outreach Program (FSOP). To view the full articles and to see the full list of funded projects

#### Expanding Food Safety Outreach and Education for Local Food Systems in California

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# Proposed add-on peer review process

*Add-ons are material(s) in addition to the standardized curricula that are developed and delivered pre-course, during a course, or post-course as a standalone.*



**Peer Review Request**



**Quality Check**



**Peer Review**

Estimated time of review process ~5-6 weeks

# Draft Add-on Peer Review Process Framework

## PEER REVIEW REQUEST

**Submitter**

*Prepares and uploads all content for review into the FSR Clearinghouse.*

Does this content qualify as an add-on?

*Add-ons are material(s) in addition to the standardized curricula that are developed and delivered pre-course, during a course, or post-course as a standalone.*

No

Yes

**Stop!**  
Do not fill out Peer Review Request (PRR) form. Continue with normal submission.

Fill out Peer Review Request (PRR) form.

Version 1.1  
12/18/2019

## QUALITY CHECK

**Editor(s) (WRCEFS)**

*Uses the Peer Review Checklist (PRC) form to review PRR for completeness; Estimated time: 1 week.*

Is PRR form complete?

No

Yes

Send back to submitter with copy of Peer Review Checklist.

**Facilitator**

*Regional; Responsible for finding 2-3 reviewers and assigning reviews of submitted add-ons. Estimated time: 1 week.*

Did reviewer accept invitation to review?

No

Yes

Find an alternate reviewer.

## PEER REVIEW

**Reviewers**

*Subject matter experts on content provided in the add-on. Estimated time to review: 3-4 weeks.*

Complete peer review and fill out Review Form within 3 weeks of invitation to review. Decide outcome of add-on material peer review.

Reject

Revisions Required

Approve

*Once approved, add-on will be uploaded onto FSR Clearinghouse with peer-review designation and date of approval.*

# Timeline

Now- April

- Integrate components of peer review process into FSR Clearinghouse
- Fillable forms – PRR form, PRC form, and Peer Review form
- New set of options for existing and new FSR Clearinghouse accounts depending on user role

April-May

- Test run of peer review process on FSR Clearinghouse using resource created by WRCEFS

June-July

- Goal for accepting add-on submissions for review

# WRCEFS 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

- Las Cruces, New Mexico
  - Las Cruces Convention Center
- May 12-13, 2020
- Registration
  - Deadline: **April 15**
  - Registration cost- \$150
  - Hotel information
  - Website



<https://ezregister.com/events/30772/>



# Professional Development Workshop with PSA



- Las Cruces, NM- May 11
- One day skill-building workshop
  - Generate interest in PSA advanced training course
  - Not a duplication of material from the advanced training course
  - No prerequisites
- Registration- \$50
- Final agenda- TBD

# QUESTIONS?

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