

ACTION ITEM #1

WSU Pullman, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences
Knott Dairy Center Renovation, Project Budget Increase Approval
(Leslie Brunelli/ Olivia Yang/Dave Cillay)

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Pullman, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS), Knott Dairy Center Renovation, Project Budget Increase Approval

PROPOSED: That the WSU Board of Regents approve an increase to the WSU Pullman, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS), Knott Dairy Center Renovation project budget in the amount of \$150K.

SUBMITTED BY: Leslie Brunelli, Executive Vice President, Finance & Administration/CFO

SUPPORTING

INFORMATION: WSU secured \$10 million from the State in the 2023-2025 Capital budget to upgrade facilities at the Knott Dairy Center (KDC). In prioritizing and planning these improvements, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) identified critical needs, including an upgrade to the KDC roadways. It was found that replacing the asphalt currently budgeted for with concrete would be highly beneficial and cost-effective from a life cycle perspective.

The project budget includes \$700K for asphalt. The concrete upgrade is estimated at \$850K.

Funds of \$150k were identified in a CAHNRS Animal Science gift fund to allow for this upgrade.

The project budget increase represented an urgent and time sensitive need in order to provide the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) assurances and visible improvements of the plan to address animal welfare concern at KDC and facilitate AAALAC accreditation of the system. A decision was needed

by the end of August to move forward with the upgrade to concrete instead of asphalt to allow for completion of the road by the end of October before the rainy season. We are seeking retroactive approval of an increase to the project budget.