

# Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) 2014 Priorities

## **Priority 1: Drought**

*An overall priority of the Range Management Advisory Committee is to respond to the current drought conditions and, understanding that these conditions are not necessarily a short-term challenge, evaluate range management decisions in the context of long-term drought resiliency.*

## **Priority 2: Rangeland Conversion**

- 1) Williamson Act Subvention Funding
- 2) Solar Development
- 3) County-level planning – subdivision map approval by CRMs/RPFs
- 4) Conversion to other forms of agriculture/general loss of productive land

## **Priority 3: Land Management Tools for Rangeland**

- 1) Grazing on State Lands
- 2) Vegetation Treatment Plan (VTP) EIR – prescribed grazing as management tool

## **Priority 4: Communication and Collaboration**

- 1) Statutory involvement
  - a) Board of Forestry
    - i) CRM Licensing
  - b) Secretary of the Resources Agency
    - i) State Parks
    - ii) Department of Fish and Wildlife
  - c) Secretary of the Environmental Protection Agency
  - d) Secretary for Food and Agriculture
- 2) Technical consulting agencies
  - a) Federal Government – USFS, USDA, BLM
  - b) UC Extension
  - c) UC Davis Rangeland and Watershed Laboratory
  - d) Cal Poly, SLO
  - e) California Rangeland Conservation Coalition
  - f) Fire Safe Councils

## **Ongoing Issues:**

- 1) Statewide Grazing Waiver
- 2) Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP) 2015 update
- 3) 2010 Strategic Fire Plan
- 4) 2015 SRA Review
- 5) Department's use of SRA Fee
- 6) Vegetation Treatment Plan (VTP) EIR

### Mission of RMAC

The mission of RMAC is to be an advocate to public agencies promoting scientifically and economically sound policies that affect the sustainability of California rangeland resources.