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To: Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

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Subject: Range Management Advisory Committee Update

The Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) met on Tuesday, November 17 in Sacramento.

- **Priorities:** RMAC re-affirmed the priorities they established in 2014, including supporting grazing on public lands; continued involvement in promoting sound rangeland science, especially in water quality research; and increased participation and visibility for RMAC with other partner agencies and organizations.
- **California Rangeland Conservation Coalition 2016 Summit:** Registration for the 2016 summit, on January 21-22, opens December 13. This year's Summit has a focus on wildfire and rangeland management and includes field tours to the Rim, Tesla, and Butte fires. Board members interested in attending or passing on information can visit <http://carangeland.org/news-events/2016-summit/> for registration.
- **Representation:** Two current members of RMAC, Lesa Osterholm, co-chair, and Bill Burrows, have terms expiring in January 2016. Both members & their sponsoring organizations are looking forward to continued service on RMAC. Another member, Ed Anchordoguy, has decided to step down. California Wool Growers Association has nominated Andrée Soares, owner and operator of Star Creek Land Stewards, to serve on the committee. There is a nomination form for each candidate in tab 11.3 of your binder material. I ask that you consider taking action to re-appoint Lesa Osterholm and Bill Burrows and appoint Andrée Soares to 4 year terms on RMAC.

The next RMAC meeting will be on January 11, 2016 in Sacramento.