

**Board of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC)**

**Minutes  
June 2, 2006**

**Attending:**

**RMAC:**

**Representing**

Ken Zimmerman	California Cattlemen's Association
Mike Connor	Public Member
Clancy Dutra	California Farm Bureau Federation
Henry Giacomini	California Farm Bureau Federation
J.R. McCollister	Public Member
Chuck Pritchard	Calif. Association of Resource Conservation Districts
Scott Carnegie	California Forestry Association
Mel Thompson	California Wool Growers Association
Jeff Stephens	CDF / RMAC Executive Secretary

**Also Attending:**

Tony Francois	Calif. Farm Bureau Federation
Noelle Cremers	Calif. Farm Bureau Federation
Tracy Schohr	Calif. Cattlemen's Association

**Items 1 Call to Order and Roll Call:**

Ken Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Jeff Stephens called roll call. This meeting was conducted via conference line with members stationed in public facilities in various locations as described in the public notice of May 22, 2006.

Henry Giacomini assumed the lead for agenda item 2.

**Item 2 Summary of Findings regarding the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's letter to the State Water Resources Control Board and the Water Board's response:**

Henry Giacomini opened discussion by referring RMAC to the Summary of Findings letter prepared by him with edits submitted by Mike Connor and Scott Carnegie. He also affirmed that all RMAC members had received the analysis of the Water Board's response prepared by the RMAC member organizations. This analysis provides a detailed discussion of the Board of Forestry & Fire Protection

(BOFFP) letter and the response prepared by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

Mike Connor recommended that the RMAC letter state more strongly in the third paragraph that RMAC is in support of the analysis prepared by the member organizations. His comment was then considered in combination with comments on the same wording from Scott Carnegie. Final wording with input from Ken Zimmerman was developed to the effect that RMAC is in support of the analysis submitted by the member organizations. Jeff Stephens was assigned the task of making the final edit of the RMAC letter.

Motion: Henry Giacomini moved to accept the letter as modified. Clancy Dutra seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Henry Giacomini turned discussion to the analysis prepared by the member organizations represented by RMAC. Tony Francois was asked to comment on edits received from RMAC. Mr. Francois stated that the edit submitted by Mike Connor deleting the word “not” (page 2 middle of the first paragraph) was needed and agreed to the change. He further recommended that the remainder of the analysis remain as submitted to preserve its purpose as representing the industry’s position. RMAC accepted Mr. Francois’s recommendation. Tony Francois further clarified that the change deleting the word “not” as described in this discussion plus adding the Wool Growers as a supporting organization has already occurred in another version of the analysis. He verified that there are no other substantive changes to the latest version of the member organization letter.

Motion: Henry Giacomini made a motion to accept the analysis prepared by the member organizations that includes Wool Growers as a supporting organization and deletes the word “not” noted previously on page 2, first paragraph. Clancy Dutra seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Clancy Dutra recommended that the summary of findings letter prepared by RMAC be reopened for discussion, and that a statement be placed in the RMAC letter indicating that the SWRCB signed the 1995 Rangeland Water Quality Management Plan. RMAC members agreed to include the statement.

Mel Thompson recommended that the first sentence of the second paragraph be changed by deleting the word “cattle” and substituting the word “livestock.” RMAC members agreed to this change.

Motion: Clancy Dutra made the motion to alter the RMAC summary of findings letter by incorporating a statement indicating that the SWRCB is signatory to the 1995 Rangeland Water Quality Management Plan, and that word change from “cattle” to “livestock” be made. Chuck Pritchard seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Jeff Stephens stated that he has spoken with the BOFFP Executive Officer and that arrangements have been made to deliver both the RMAC letter and the member organization analysis to the Resource Protection Committee prior to the June meeting of the BOFFP.

**Item 3, New and Unfinished Business:**

J.R. McCollister asked that an RMAC member attend the Resource Protection Committee June meeting on his behalf. Ken Zimmerman stated that he will attend.

**Item 4 Public Input:**

Tracy Schohr with the Cattlemen's Association stated that she will attend the June Resource Protection Committee Meeting as well.

Meeting Adjourned