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**RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, May 5, 2016
 Sacramento, CA

RMAC Members Present	RMAC Members Absent
Co-chair Lesa Osterholm Chuck Pritchard Rich Ross Bill Burrows Bart Cremers André Soares John Van Duyn Billie Roney Cole Bush	Co-Chair Marc Horney Sheryl Landrum
RMAC Staff	Department Staff
Edith Hannigan	

Items appear in the order they were presented on the agenda.

Approve March Minutes

**05-16-01 Member Burrows moved to approve the January minutes.
 Member Soares seconded the motion.**

Roll Call Vote:

Pritchard Aye
Van Duyn Aye
Bush Aye
Burrows Aye
Roney Aye
Soares Aye
Ross Aye
Osterholm Aye

The motion passed unanimously, three members absent.

Revised 2016 RMAC Schedule

Ms. Hannigan provided RMAC members with the revised meeting dates for the rest of the year. The remaining 2016 RMAC meetings will take place on July 7, September 8, and November 10.

Presentation: Sheila Barry, UCCE – Current Project

Ms. Sheila Barry, Bay Area Natural Resources/ Livestock Advisor and County Director, Santa Clara County, for the University of California Cooperative Extension, discussed ongoing projects at the UCCE:

- Working with State Parks to revise grazing policies on those lands
- Proposing new positions at various UCCE's supporting rangeland ecology, animal health, and natural resources
- New publications on the UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources website
- Developing a draft grazing lease, which Ms. Barry will send to Edith for comments by RMAC members

Vegetation Treatment Program Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report; discuss possible comment letter

Co-Chair Osterholm led a discussion of the draft VTP EIR out for public comment. The Committee established the bullet points and themes they wanted to communicate to the Board in such a letter.

05-16-02 Member Burrows made a motion directing staff to write a letter to the Board based on the discussion points made at this meeting, and to work with Member Bush and Co-Chair Osterholm to revise and refine the letter. Member Cremers seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Pritchard	Aye
Van Duyn	Aye
Bush	Aye
Burrows	Aye
Cremers	Aye
Roney	Aye
Soares	Aye
Ross	Aye
Osterholm	Aye

The motion passed unanimously, two members absent.

Rancho Guejito Corp vs Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Update

Ms. Hannigan provided RMAC with an update on the status of this litigation.

Letter to Humboldt State University on the status of the Rangeland Resource Science and Wildland Soil Science Program from Lone Star Ranch

The Committee discussed the status of the above programs at Humboldt State University and established the importance of supporting these programs to keep educated rangeland specialists in the state.

05-16-02 Member Ross made a motion directing staff to draft a letter to Humboldt State University to encourage the growth of their rangeland programs. Member Pritchard seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Pritchard Aye
Van Duyn Aye
Bush Aye
Burrows Aye
Cremers Aye
Roney Aye
Soares Aye
Ross Aye
Osterholm Aye

The motion passed unanimously, two members absent.

Focus Group Updates

a. Public Land Grazing

i. Review Board response re: revisions to Board Policies 0330, 0350, and CAL FIRE policies 5022, 5024.2, and 5052

Ms. Hannigan presented the Committee with feedback from the April Board meeting, where she introduced the revised Board policies for the first time. The Board is asking for more information and context about the necessity for these changes, as well as greater science and background on the benefits of grazing. They also had some editorial comments.

Ms. Hannigan will work with Co-Chair Osterholm on this project and present revised policies to the Board of Forestry's Management Committee at their June meeting.

b. Rangeland Water Quality

Co-Chair Osterholm discussed the State Water Resources Control Board's proposed revisions to the waste discharge order for irrigated lands.

c. Land Management Tools

i. Potential Prescribed Herbivory Pilot Project

Ms. Hannigan provided an update on the progress of posting this project to FI\$CAL and the Committee discussed whether it was worth moving forward, since the project timing is now incompatible with performing the project. The Committee decided to wait on the project for another year and find a new site; Committee members discussed possibilities at the UC extension at Hopland and other sites in Mendocino.

ii. SMUD Research into the impacts and costs of vegetation management on utility rights-of-way event on May 16

Ms. Hannigan provided information to the Committee about this event for their interest.

d. Rangeland Conversion/Forest & Resource Management

There are no updates for this group.

e. Drought

There are no updates for this group.

8. Updates from Partner Organizations

No organizations presented an update.

Meeting Adjourned.