

Range Management Advisory Committee

RMAC was statutorily created to advise the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture on rangeland resources.

Due to budget constraints and lack of staffing, RMAC suspended second half operations.

PRIORITIES 2012

PRIORITY 1:

1. Strategic Fire Plan

- a. Ensure implementation follows the goals and objectives.
- b. Monitor metrics for department assessment.

2. Vegetation Management Program (VMP):

- a. Monitor CAL FIRE review (currently suspended).
- b. Encourage CAL FIRE consideration of VMP review completed by RMAC on 6/28/05.
- c. Encourage implementation of the VMP.

3. Vegetation Treatment Program Environmental Impact Report (VTP EIR):

- a. Monitor development process (administrative draft being finalized).
- b. Review and provide additional comment on administrative drafts as necessary.

4. Communication and Collaboration

- a. Participate in Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Resource Protection Committee Meetings.
- b. Invite constituents, agency representatives, stakeholders, and issue experts to focus group meetings for information sharing as issues arise.

5. Maintain involvement in the portions of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's actions directed at rangeland, and make recommendations to the Board as appropriate

- a. Continue communications with board staff
- b. Attend Board committee meetings as issues apply

6. Develop Williamson Act/Open Space Subvention Act position paper

- a. Summarize findings from discussion

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- b. Determine how RMAC can be most effective and move in that direction

7. Create Management Protocols for state-owned lands based on RMAC's Natural Resources White Paper

- a. Work with public land holder to develop a site-specific management plan
- b. Distribute to all state agencies with rangeland ownership.

8. Promote an effective CRM program and encourage expanded Range Management Bachelor of Science programs

- a. Work with Cal-Pac SRM to clarify requirements and follow –up on previous inquiries
- b. Work with SRM to track continuing education requirements
- c. Offer support to existing and developing programs

9. Gather and promote use of pragmatic invasive species control practices, including use of livestock grazing, to agencies and landowners

- a. Identify gaps in invasive species management programs and find appropriate solutions
- b. Review Weed Management Area grant proposals
- c. Investigate distribution of Targeted Grazing handbook to CDFA and Weed Management Areas

10. Stay informed on climate change and carbon sequestration as they relate to rangelands, and identify opportunities and benefits for landowners

- a. Send at least one RMAC member to any related symposiums, meetings, etc. around the state
- b. Report back to entire RMAC any new developments