

California Rangeland Service Organizations

The following organizations provide funding, expertise, or support to assist rangeland managers in California address or prevent water quality impacts from grazing operations.

Organization	Contact Information	Description of Services
UC-Cooperative Extension	http://ucanr.edu	The livestock and range program works with ranchers and producers, addressing such topics as animal health and welfare, marketing, and the management of range and natural resources. The program also cooperates with local resource agencies, conducting research in the wise stewardship of lands, humane methods of predator control, and sustainable agriculture for the livestock industry. UC Cooperative Extension and USDA NRCS have been jointly conducting Ranch Water Quality Planning Short Courses for rangeland owners since 1995. During these courses rangeland owners and managers learn about non-point source pollution and develop a water quality plan for their property.
UC Davis Rangeland Watershed Laboratory	Kenneth W. Tate Plant Sciences, Mail Stop 1 One Shields Avenue Davis, CA 95616-8780 kwate@ucdavis.edu 530-754-8988 http://rangelandwatersheds.ucdavis.edu/index.htm	We integrate research and outreach to develop and extend new information on how range management, ecosystem functions and ecosystem services are related at multiple temporal and spatial scales. Temporal scales of study range from hourly changes in water quality up to decadal trends in stream flow. Spatial scales of study range from the individual plant up to ranching enterprises in excess of 100,000 acres. We conduct our research across UC Research and Extension Centers, private ranches, and public rangelands.
California Rangelands Research & Information Center	http://californiarangeland.ucdavis.edu/	Includes information on Ranch Water Quality Planning Short Course. CRRIC works closely with the <u>Rangeland Watershed Laboratory</u> and other partners and collaborators to provide current and historical information and knowledge about California rangelands. CRRIC also collaborates with range science faculty from several Western Universities to improve

		range science education and to provide learning resources to instructors and to students. CRRIC is also part of the RangelandsWest consortium that provides access to rangeland information throughout the west.
County Resource Conservation Districts	http://www.carcd.org	Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) are the states' only grassroots conservation delivery system that identifies local conservation problems and guides solutions on a voluntary basis. There are 98 Districts throughout California - each covering a different geographic territory.
USDA Natural Resources Conservation	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/ca/home/	Provide technical advice and financial support to private landowners implementing voluntary conservation practices.
Fish Friendly Farming and Fish Friendly Ranching	http://www.fishfriendlyfarming.org/	Fish Friendly Farming is a certification program for agricultural properties managed to restore fish and wildlife habitat and improve water quality.