



California Rangeland Conservation Coalition, Inc.

November 12, 2018

Marc Horney, Chair
Range Management Advisory Committee
California Board of Forestry

Dear Marc,

Thank you for RMAC's interest to work more closely with the CRCC. I appreciate remaining on your agenda outreach list. The information below will be helpful for your consideration at your upcoming meeting.

Please consider joining the Board of Forestry as a CRCC Signatory. There is no financial obligation, although participation in outreach and activities is encouraged. A simple written note of this intent is all that is required to add RMAC to the list of 125+ agencies, agriculture and conservation organizations, universities and others. Signatories receive recognition on the website and in the bi-monthly *Rangeland Linkages* e-news. They become eligible for leadership roles as well.

Please note that the **Rangeland Summit will be January 16, 2019** in Stockton. The theme should encourage members' interest and participation. *Rangeland Wildfire Prevention and the Role for Livestock*. Our co-sponsor is UCANR. Details will be forthcoming in *Rangeland Linkages e-news*. It would be a great time for RMAC to have a table exhibit, and a registration is included in the fee of \$250 or \$175 for ½ table.

Thank you for your consideration on both of these matters. I am available for questions.

Best,

Karen Sweet

Karen Sweet
Executive Director

Cc: Bre Owens, President

California Rangeland Resolution

The undersigned recognize the critical importance of California's rangelands, which support important ecosystems and other natural resources and are the foundation of the ranching industry.

WHEREAS, these rangelands include rich and varied landscapes of grasslands, oak woodlands, mixed forests, vernal pools, riparian areas and other wetlands that support numerous imperiled species, many native plants once common throughout California, and the highest diversity and density of wintering raptors anywhere in North America; and that provide many other natural resource benefits to California;

WHEREAS, most of California's rangelands, and the species that rely on these habitats, persist in large part due to longstanding stewardship by the ranchers who have owned and managed these lands and who are committed to a healthy future for their working landscapes;

WHEREAS, many of California's rangelands are located in the State's fastest-growing counties and are at significant risk of conversion to development and other uses;

WHEREAS, rangelands are a critical foundation of the economic and social fabric of California's ranching industry and rural communities, and active stewardship of private and other rangelands by ranching families can ensure that they will continue to provide important public benefits for all Californians;

THEREFORE, we declare that it is our goal to collaboratively work together to protect and enhance California's rangeland landscapes by:

- Supporting the long-term viability of the ranching industry, its privately-owned rangelands, and its culture, by providing economic, social and other incentives, by reducing barriers to proactive stewardship on ranchlands, and by conserving privately-owned ranches and maintaining and enhancing opportunities for ecologically sound stewardship of public rangelands;
- Keeping common species common on working landscapes, and by working to recover imperiled species and enhance habitat on rangelands while seeking to improve the regulatory environment in which rangeland managers operate and to streamline the permitting processes;
- Understanding that livestock grazing may not be appropriate or viable on certain sensitive landscapes, working to increase our understanding of appropriate management on these landscapes;

- Increasing private, state and federal funding, technical expertise, rangeland research and other assistance to continue and expand the ranching community's beneficial land stewardship practices that benefit rangeland ecosystems, are fully compatible with normal ranching practices, and that encourage voluntary, collaborative and locally-led conservation that has proven to be very effective in maintaining and enhancing working landscapes;
- Educating the public about the benefits of grazing and ranching on California's rangelands.

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