

RMAC Public Workshop – Tools for Sustainable Management of California’s Fire-Prone Landscapes: Grazing for Fuel Reduction

Natural Resources Building Auditorium

1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA

September 16, 2019

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

7:45 AM - Registration

8:00 AM – Welcome and Introduction – Jennifer Montgomery, Director of the Governor’s Forest Management Task Force

8:20 AM – Who is RMAC and What is the Goal Today?

Matt Dias, Executive Officer, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, and Marc Horney, Ph.D., RMAC Chair, Associate Professor, Rangeland Resources, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly)

8:35 AM - State of Affairs

- 8:35 AM – 8:55 AM: What are the most ignition-prone areas in the state, which are most likely to have wildfires burn at the greatest severity, and which have the highest levels of both near populated areas? – **Van Butsic, Ph.D. UC Berkeley**
- 8:55 AM – 9:15 AM: Types and amounts of wildfire fuel loads we have in California – **Dave Sapsis, Cal Fire, Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP)**
- 9:15 AM – 9:35 AM: What tools are available for managing vegetation which produce wildfire fuels? – **Len Nielson, CAL FIRE VMP, SRA Grants, and CEQA Coordinator for the Southern Region**

9:35 AM – 9:50 AM: BREAK

9:50 AM – Grazing on the Landscape: Past and Present

- 9:50 AM – 10:20 AM: Historic impacts of domestic animal grazing in California – **Lynn Huntsinger, Ph.D., UC Berkeley**
- 10:20 AM – 10:50 AM: Different Types of Grazing Animal Management: Traditional Ranching and Service Grazing – **RMAC Members: Billie Roney, Roney Land & Cattle Company and Andree Soares, Star Creek Land Stewards, Inc.**
- 10:50 AM – 11:20 PM: What effects does grazing have on vegetation and ecosystem processes, and how are those effects managed? – **Sheila Barry, UCCE Santa Clara County**

11:20 PM – 12:50 PM: LUNCH

12:50 PM – Panel Discussion: Using Grazing for Fuels Management

Introduction – Glenn Nader, Rancher & University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Advisor, Butte, Sutter-Yuba Counties, retired. Lead author, “Planned Herbivory in the Management of Wildfire Fuels.”

- 1:10 PM – 1:25 PM: Ranching and multi-use landscapes – **Tim Koopman, California Cattlemen’s Association**
- 1:25 PM – 1:40 PM: Fire Planning – **Todd Lando and Rich Shortall, FIRESafe Marin, Board of Directors**
- 1:40 PM – 2:55 PM: Panel & Audience Discussion – **Glen Nader, Billie Roney, Andree Soares, Tim Koopman, Todd Lando, and Rich Shortall**

2:55 PM – 3:10 PM: BREAK

3:10 PM – What Now?

- 3:10 PM – 3:40 PM: How can grazing be used effectively in concert with other tools to protect communities from wildfire?
 - Lists and outreach - **Stephanie Larson, Ph.D., UCCE, Sonoma County**
 - CRM and Targeted Grazer Programs – **Matthew Shapero, California-Pacific Section, Society for Range Management and UCCE Advisor, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties**
- 3:40 PM – 4:25 PM: Opportunities Panel & Audience Discussion
 - **Bob Gillaspay – USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Stephanie Larson, Ph.D., Marc Horney, Ph.D., Matthew Shapero, Scott Whit, CAL FIRE**

4:25 PM Closing Remarks: Marc Horney, Ph.D., RMAC Chair