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**To:** The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection      **Date:** October 28, 2015

**From:** Kevin Conway, Staff Forester

**Subject:** Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) Update

Chair Gillless and Members of the Board,

The RMAC has not met since your last Board Meeting, but has made progress on some ongoing issues that I would like to report.

- **Drought Workshop:** Bill Burrows attended the Coping with Historic Drought in California Rangelands: Developing Strategies, Tactics, and Tools workshop at UC Davis on September 29 and 30. The workshop was organized by the USDA Southwest Climate Hub with the intent of gathering leaders in California rangeland management from various agencies and groups to examine the current state of the livestock grazing industry and to identify possible post-drought actions necessary to assist the industry in reestablishing sustainable grazing practices. Bill was 1 of about 20 agency and academic representatives at the workshop.
- **California Rangeland Conservation Coalition 2016 Summit:** The theme for this year's California Rangeland Conservation Coalition 2016 Summit is fire's impacts on rangeland management. Field tours will be held on January 21 in area's surrounding Stockton. This will be followed by the Summit Meeting at the Stockton Ag Center on January 22. The RMAC would like to extend an invitation to any Board Members or staff that would like to participate in this Summit and to consider passing this information to other interested parties.
- **Representation:** CCA has brought forward 2 candidates, Rich Ross and Billie Roney, for your consideration for membership. Rich is a rancher and lawyer currently serving as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in the California Cattlemen's Association. Billie operates a medium sized cow-calf operation with Federal Land permits with her husband, who is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation rancher, in the Chico area. Both are willing, eager, and exceptionally well qualified to serve on the RMAC. You have a nomination form with brief resumes for each candidate in tab 11.4 of your binder material. I ask that you please consider taking action to appoint Rich Ross and Billie Roney to 4-year terms on the RMAC.

The next RMAC meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, 2015 in Sacramento.