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RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 17, 2015
Sacramento, CA

| RMAC Members Present | RMAC Members Absent |
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| Co-chair Lesa Osterholm Rich Ross Bill Burrows Bart Cremers John Van Duyn Billie Roney Cole Bush | Co-chair Marc Horney Chuck Pritchard Ed Anchordoguy Sheryl Landrum Mary Rickert |
| RMAC Staff | Department Staff |
| Edith Hannigan | |

Items appear in the order they were presented on the agenda.

Welcome New Members

RMAC welcomed new members Rich Ross and Billie Roney. Both members are representing the California Cattlemen's Association.

Approve May, July, and September Minutes

11-15-01 **Member Van Duyn moved to approve the May minutes. Member Bush seconded the motion.**

Roll Call Vote:

Van Duyn **Aye**
Bush **Aye**
Burrows **Aye**
Cremers **Aye**
Roney **Abstain**
Ross **Abstain**
Osterholm **Aye**

The motion passed unanimously, two abstentions.

11-15-02 **Member Burrows moved to approve the July minutes. Member Van Duyn seconded the motion.**

Roll Call Vote:

Van Duyn **Aye**
Bush **Aye**
Burrows **Aye**
Cremers **Abstain**
Roney **Aye**

The Board's mission is to lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of forest and rangelands, and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state.

Ross Abstain
Osterholm Aye

The motion passed unanimously, two abstentions.

11-15-03 Member Van Duyn moved to approve the September minutes. Member Cremers seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Van Duyn Aye
Bush Aye
Burrows Abstain
Cremers Aye
Roney Aye
Ross Abstain
Osterholm Aye

The motion passed unanimously, two abstentions.

Administrative

a. Membership

i. Terms expiring in January 2016

Members Burrows, Anchordoguy, and Osterholm all have terms expiring this upcoming January. Members Burrows and Osterholm agreed to renew their terms for another four years, and Ms. Hannigan will talk to California Wool Growers and Member Anchordoguy about his desires to continue as a member of RMAC.

b. 2016 Schedule

Members discussed preferred meeting days and a schedule for 2016. Ms. Hannigan will send out a schedule in early December.

c. 2015 Year in Review, 2016 Priorities

Members reaffirmed their 2014-2016 priorities and particularly re-emphasized their commitment to public lands grazing, water quality, and engagement with other agencies.

Focus Group Updates

a. Rangeland Water Quality

i. Rangeland Service Organizations

No updates on this item.

i. GRAP Update

RMAC staff will continue to watch GRAP at the state and regional levels. Member Van Duyn brought to the attention of the committee the Water Board's efforts to approve regulations to implement SB 88 regarding the reporting of water diversions. Staff will keep RMAC informed on this topic.

b. Land Management Tools

i. Potential prescribed herbivory pilot project

There was no update from Mr. Conway available for this item. RMAC members discussed how to take on post-fire grazing as a project in 2016, especially on federal lands.

c. Rangeland Conversion/Forest & Resource Management

Members Van Duyn and Landrum did not have any updates for this item.

d. Public Land Grazing

i. Review draft policy language

The committee continued discussing the draft policies brought forward by Member Cremers. Staff are looking into whether any Board regulations specifically address grazing/browsing to ensure they are aligned with any policies RMAC brings forward.

ii. Prairie City SVRA Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR

For the next meeting staff will provide some boilerplate language that can be used to respond during public comment periods for State Parks General Plan updates and environmental documents.

e. VTP Program EIR

RMAC discussed rangeland professionals and scientists who may be able to provide input and comment on the document.

f. Drought

i. Coping with Historic Drought in California Rangelands report

Member Burrows provided a recap of the Coping with Historic Drought in California Rangelands workshop hosted by the USDA Southwest Climate Hub in late September.

California Rangeland Conservation Coalition 2016 Summit Support

CRCC is hosting their 2016 Summit, Wildfire and Rangeland Management - Mediating Impacts to Conservation and Ranching, on January 21 and 22 in Stockton. Staff are assisting CRCC in disseminating information about the event and are finding out from organizers if there are any further specific needs from RMAC in supporting this endeavor.

“Sustainability” for forests and rangelands – potential project

This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

Updates from Partner Organizations

Natural Resources Conservation Services – CeCi Dale-Cesmat gave an update on current projects at NRCS, including the Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

California Wool Grower’s Association – Member Bush provided information about the final ruling issued that addresses changes to the H-2A visa program.

New and Unfinished Business

Members requested next meeting's agenda include an update on the CRM legal proceedings.

Member Updates

Members provided updates on their ongoing related activities. The next RMAC meeting will be the week of January 11, 2016.

Meeting Adjourned.