

Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) 2014 Priorities

Priority 1: Drought

An overall priority of the Range Management Advisory Committee is to respond to the current drought conditions and, understanding that these conditions are not necessarily a short-term challenge, evaluate range management decisions in the context of long-term drought resiliency.

Priority 2: Rangeland Conversion

- 1) Williamson Act Subvention Funding
- 2) Solar Development
- 3) County-level planning – subdivision map approval by CRMs/RPFs
- 4) Conversion to other forms of agriculture/general loss of productive land

Priority 3: Land Management Tools for Rangeland

- 1) Grazing on State Lands
- 2) Vegetation Treatment Plan (VTP) EIR – prescribed grazing as management tool

Priority 4: Communication and Collaboration

- 1) Statutory involvement
 - a) Board of Forestry
 - i) CRM Licensing
 - b) Secretary of the Resources Agency
 - i) State Parks
 - ii) Department of Fish and Wildlife
 - c) Secretary of the Environmental Protection Agency
 - d) Secretary for Food and Agriculture
- 2) Technical consulting agencies
 - a) Federal Government – USFS, USDA, BLM
 - b) UC Extension
 - c) UC Davis Rangeland and Watershed Laboratory
 - d) Cal Poly, SLO
 - e) California Rangeland Conservation Coalition
 - f) Fire Safe Councils

Ongoing Issues:

- 1) Statewide Grazing Waiver
- 2) Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP) 2015 update
- 3) 2010 Strategic Fire Plan
- 4) 2015 SRA Review
- 5) Department's use of SRA Fee
- 6) Vegetation Treatment Plan (VTP) EIR

Mission of RMAC

The mission of RMAC is to be an advocate to public agencies promoting scientifically and economically sound policies that affect the sustainability of California rangeland resources.