State Water Resource Control Board
Grazing Guidance

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History

1995
Developed Rangeland Water Quality Management Plan (RWQMP)

1995–1996
University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) starts short course education program to help ranchers complete water quality plans and meet RWQMP objectives

1999
Developed Plan for California’s Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (NPS Program Plan)

1999–2004
Adopted Policy for Implementation and Enforcement of the Nonpoint Source Program (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, section 2915)

2014
Grazing Regulatory Action Project (GRAP) to develop strategy for water quality impacts related to grazing

2015
Discontinued GRAP
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Resolution 2015-0062

1. Discontinued statewide approach to grazing
2. Directed Regional Water Board staff to work with stakeholders on best approach for addressing water quality impacts
3. Directed State Water Board staff to work to update the 1995 RWQMP
Current Efforts

• April 2020: Contacted a focused group of stakeholders to introduce the project
• July 7, 2020: Conducted a virtual meeting to present the background, context, and goals for the project
• July-August 2020: Asked stakeholders to complete a survey to provide background information for the guidance. Seventy-nine responses received.
• Now: Engaging stakeholders on management practices and ways to promote implementation
Targeted Stakeholder Organizations

- California Farm Bureau Federation
- California Cattlemen's Association
- California Woolgrowers Association
- California Public Lands Council
- University of California
- UC Cooperative Extension
- California State University
- US Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- US EPA Resource Conservation Districts
- Point Reyes National Seashore
- California Land Stewardship Institute
- California Coastkeeper Alliance
- Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center
- Point Blue
- California Rangeland Conservation Coalition
- The Grazing Reform Program
- Western Watershed Project
- Society for Range Management
## Goals of the Grazing Guidance

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For more about the Water Board’s Grazing Guidance please visit our webpage:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/grazing_guidance.html

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