

**RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Dear Secretary Ross and President Cameron,

October 15, 2021

I am sending this letter on behalf of the Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC), an advisory body to the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, the California Natural Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). The RMAC is responsible for advising on matters affecting the conservation, management, and use of grassland, oak woodland/savannah, brushland, and other grazed ecosystems in the State, and would like to develop open and constructive lines of communication with the CDFA so that they may better fulfill their statutory duty of advising on rangeland issues under consideration by the CDFA. To accomplish this goal, we hope that the CDFA will work collaboratively with the RMAC to develop a regular means of communication over the coming year so that the RMAC may stay informed and provide constructive feedback on the development or refinement of programs for which the CDFA is responsible per PRC § 741: "... the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture... shall notify the advisory committee of, and [is] encouraged to consult with the advisory committee on, rangeland resource issues that are under consideration." Some of the programs and topics on which the RMAC is interested in receiving updates include:

- Animal Health and Food – Livestock Program
- Dairy Digester Research and Development
- State Water Efficiency Enhancement Program
- Noxious Weeds Program
- Milk and Meat Safety Program
- Healthy Soils Program
- Alternative Manure Management Program
- Any other programs or issues related to grazing, rangeland management, or rangeland health

The RMAC seeks to ensure a future with healthy, productive rangelands in California and believes that collaborative efforts and communication between agencies is an important component in forwarding this goal. We respectfully request that your office contact administrative staff (below) before December 1, 2021 to begin discussions of methods of communication regarding these programs or any other relevant programs in development, as well as to review the CDFA's annual priorities to allow for investigation of potential synergies and areas that RMAC could support the CDFA.

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We understand the time commitment required of this effort and appreciate that your staff is already taxed with the many programs and functions of the CDFA. The RMAC hopes to make a tangible contribution in promoting and assisting in furthering the goals and priorities of the CDFA. Thank you for your assistance on this matter and I look forward to speaking more in the future.

Sincerely,

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