

In preparation for your meeting on January 14, staff and your chair and vice chair have been discussing RMAC's desire to produce tangible work products that increase the use of grazing for fire prevention and scientifically sound regulatory and policy programs. At the November meeting, you specifically asked for clear objectives, tasks, and deadlines for each of the priorities.

Given the committee's goals, time commitments, and expertise, staff recommends RMAC focus on the following three priority projects in 2019:

- 1) Identify landowners who would apply for CAL FIRE fire prevention grants and support their application for funds to conduct fire prevention projects on rangeland.
  - a. Timeline: TBD. Grant applications typically due October 1.
  - b. Committee member work: finding and vetting landowners
  - c. Staff work: writing grant
- 2) Collect the most recent rangeland science, write a literature review/annotated bibliography, and have a workshop for regulators, etc, who could benefit from access to this information.
  - a. Timeline: Collect science by May meeting, write literature review for July meeting, schedule workshop for September meeting.
  - b. Committee member work: directing staff to any known current research on rangelands and grazing; suggesting speakers for workshop (or speaking yourselves), identifying audience for workshop and promoting workshop attendance
  - c. Staff work: collecting relevant research, writing literature review, circulating literature review for feedback as needed; organize logistics, speakers, etc, for workshop, promote workshop attendance
- 3) Track state and/or regional regulatory or policy programs impacting rangeland health (e.g., water quality regulations) and take action as appropriate.
  - a. Timeline: Letter sent to CalEPA January 2019. Water Board presence at March 2019 meeting. Otherwise unknown at this time.
  - b. Committee member work: alert staff to proposed programs to follow
  - c. Staff work: track state and/or regional agencies that enact regulations that may impact rangelands and grazing; alert committee to programs of interest; represent RMAC's interests with those agencies as directed by committee members

The meeting next week will focus heavily on identifying top priorities and honing these specific action items to accomplish your goals for 2019. This will include identifying RMAC members who would be willing to collaborate with staff on each action item.

To that end, please consider the following questions in preparation for Monday:

- 1) Do the action items listed sound feasible for the committee to accomplish? If not:
  - a. Can they be altered to be more feasible?
  - b. Would changing the time frame for accomplishment make them more feasible?
  - c. Do you have an alternative route for meeting the objective?
- 2) Which objectives excite you and/or do you have expertise in? Which ones would you be willing to devote some of your time to and assist staff?
- 3) Is there a different work product you would like to see from RMAC that you think would be more impactful on the range community?

Hello RMAC Members,

In an effort to start 2019 off strong, we have prepared a re-invigorated Priorities list that includes action items for each objective. I sent this document to you just before Christmas, but given the craziness of the holidays I wanted to guide your attention back to RMAC's Priorities as we approach the January RMAC meeting in 1 week.

Producing tangible results has been increasingly important to RMAC members, and this sentiment was further enforced during today's meeting between RMAC's Chair and Vice Chair, the Board's Executive Officer, and Board staff. As a result, the January meeting

***We would like to complete the priorities discussion during the January meeting so that RMAC can move forward with a good road map for 2019. This discussion will include identifying RMAC members who would be willing to collaborate with staff on each action item.***

**With this goal in mind, please take a look at the attached priorities for 2019 and come prepared with comments on the following:**

- 4) Which "objectives" are the most important to you and/or do you think would be the most impactful on range communities?
- 5) Do the action items listed sound feasible for the committee to accomplish? If not:
  - a. Can they be altered to be more feasible?
  - b. Would changing the time frame for accomplishment make them more feasible?
  - c. Do you have an alternative route for meeting the objective?
- 6) Do you have ideas about a different course of action for an objective?
- 7) Do the timelines look feasible? If not, what timeline would be feasible?
- 8) Which objectives excite you and/or do you have expertise in? Which ones would you be willing to devote some of your time to and assist staff?
- 9) Are there times of the year that you know you are unable to assist with RMAC matters?

Thank you in advance for devoting your time and efforts to RMAC in 2019. We know that you are donating your time and energy to this committee because you are invested in California's rangelands. We hope that by creating a robust list of priorities for 2019 and coming prepared for a full discussion on the 14th, RMAC can have a really productive year in 2019.