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# **RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Sacramento, CA

## **RMAC Members Present**

Chair Marc Horney  
Lesa Osterholm  
Rich Ross  
Andrée Soares  
Bart Cremers  
John Van Duyn  
Sheryl Landrum  
Lance Criley  
Billie Roney  
Don Watson

## **RMAC Members Absent**

Katie Delbar, ex officio member

## **RMAC Staff**

Brandi Goss  
Edith Hannigan

## **Department Staff**

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

**Report of Chair Marc Horney and RMAC Staff**

Ms. Goss reported about membership recruitment for an RCD member. She also spoke about the revival of the Noxious Weeds Program, a program that RMAC is statutorily obligated to advise. Ms. Hannigan discussed the development and timeline of the CalVTP and its implications for targeted grazing.

*Approve May 2019 Minutes*

No amendments were made to the minutes.

**07-19-01** Member Landrum moved to approve the May 2019 meeting minutes. Member Van Duyn seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Criley</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Cremers</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Roney</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Landrum</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Soares</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ross</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Watson</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Van Duyn</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Osterholm</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Horney</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion passed unanimously with 3 abstentions and 1 absence.**

*Annual Funding and RMAC Budget Development*

Ms. Goss reported that after speaking with the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's Staff Services Analyst, RMAC has \$20,000 of on-going annual funding to use for travel reimbursement and projects. Several options for using these funds were discussed by the Committee as well as the parameters for the State contracting process.

*Approve DRAFT Notification Letter for Agencies (3)*

**07-19-02** Member Cremers moved to approve the three Notification Letters for Agencies with the following amendments: 1) include grazing by name in all three letters; 2) include the Williamson Act in the letter to Secretary Crowfoot; and 3) include issues related to agricultural labor in the letter to Secretary Ross. Member Landrum seconded.

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**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Criley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Cremers</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Roney</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Landrum</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Soares</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ross</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Watson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Van Duyn</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Osterholm</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Horney</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**Water Quality**

*Presentation: Microbial Source Tracking – Dr. Steve Weisburg*

Dr. Weisburg and Dr. John Griffith discussed the current state of science with regard to Microbial Source Tracking. Source identification is possible, but with limitations. Their most recent work focused on identifying markers that are both sensitive and specific to a certain species or group of species. Some markers have been identified through several international labs as having both high specificity and high sensitivity. Presence of these markers in water sources can indicate where certain pathogens originated and identify the dominant contributor.

**September Workshop Development**

*Finalize DRAFT Outline*

**07-19-03** Member Soares moved to approve the September Workshop Outline with the discussed presenters and amendments. Member Watson seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Criley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Cremers</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Roney</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Landrum</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Soares</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ross</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Watson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Van Duyn</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Osterholm</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Horney</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion passed unanimously.**

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*Finalize Presenters*

Presenters for the workshop were discussed at length and several amendments were made to the original outline. These presenters were approved along with the workshop outline in a motion by member Soares and seconded by member Watson.

*Finalize Invitation Template*

**07-19-04** Member Soares moved to approve the Invitation for the September Workshop. Member Roney seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Criley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Cremers</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Roney</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Landrum</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Soares</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ross</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Watson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Van Duyn</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Osterholm</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Horney</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion passed unanimously.**

*Finalize Invitation List*

Ms. Goss reported that she is working on the development of an invitation list and asked for the Committee members to send additional recommendations for the list.

**Grazing and Fire Prevention**

*Presentation: Nevada City Inclusion of Grazing as Part of a Diverse Fuel Reduction Strategy – Vice Mayor Reinette Senum*

Reinette Senum discussed the projects that Nevada City has been working on to address fire hazard in their communities. They were shown fire models for their region which showed the significant threat their community was facing and were inspired by the Rio Grande Water Fund. The Rio Grande Water Fund is a watershed management plan centered around maintaining safe, clean water and healthy forests and surrounding vegetation to promote that beneficial use. They have been working with non-profits, government entities, and private citizens to address the fire hazard threat in their community.

*RPF Outreach Updates*

Ms. Goss reported that CLFA has invited RMAC to present at their upcoming conference in November, 2019. RMAC will be working with Matthew Shapero, President of Cal Pac SRM, to develop a presentation and will be discussing possible presenters at the next RMAC meeting.

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### *CFIP and Inclusion of Fire Prevention – Rulemaking?*

Ms. Goss reported that the CFIP guidelines do not currently have a reimbursement rate for CRMs and some other inconsistencies in the regulations that may be addressed through RMAC. Ms. Goss will continue to pursue this effort and report back at upcoming meetings.

### **Updates from Partner Organizations & Public Forum**

There was no request for Public Comment.

### **Meeting Adjourned**