

RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2018 PRIORITIES

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.

1. **Water Regulations**

Objective: *Ensure water regulations and policies impacting grazing demonstrate linkages between grazing and water quality and quantity. Support development of non-regulatory approaches to managing water.*

Status: Engagement with Central Valley and Lahontan Regional Water Boards on federal non-point permit development (letter written 1/29/2018).

2. **Wolf Impacts**

Objective: *Represent the potential impacts on rangeland health and productivity as a secondary impact from wolf management policies.*

Status: Exploring opportunities to participate on steering committees, etc, to represent landowners and producers in the development of plans and programs responding to the presence of wolves in California.

3. **Grazing**

Objective: *Support efforts to increase the utilization of grazing and herbivory on public & private lands, particularly in the WUI, for vegetation management, fuel hazard reduction, and other ecological goals.*

Status: Potential presentation to Board in 2018.

4. **Rancher-Firefighter Information Exchange**

Objective: *Facilitate information and knowledge exchange between firefighters and ranchers at the local level.*

Status: In discussion. Considering how to address this at July Board field tour focusing on rangeland in the Owens Valley.

5. **Coordination and Communication**

Objective: *Inform the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, and other agencies, of RMAC's priorities, activities, policy positions, and membership.*

Status: Presentation to Board on wolf impacts. Additional presentations to be scheduled as needed.