RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2020 IMPLEMENTATION OF OBJECTIVES FROM THE STRATEGIC PLAN

1. Objective 1: Consider matters related to California's rangelands that are under consideration by the Secretaries, the Board, or Federal agencies: Offer advice and consultation and recommend appropriate policy measures or administrative actions.

Action Items:

- i. Distribute an annual call for priorities in October and consider prioritization of items prior to the end of the calendar year.
- ii. Provide recommendations as needed orally or as written comment.
- iii. Utilize the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's Licensing News and other outlets to share new rangeland science and opportunities for collaboration between specialties.
- 2. Objective 2: Share information and <u>educational opportunities toeducation</u> with Certified Range Managers and government agency rangeland and forestry staff to grow professional knowledge in <u>this</u>the field.- of rangeland <u>health.</u> Cultivate relationships with local, State and Federal agencies which facilitate consistent dialogue regarding rangeland health issues.

Action Items:

- i. Research guidelines for specific management practices related to RDM and its current applications in a time of increased fire activity. Collaborate with UC Cooperative Extension and/or other organizations for maximum promotion and visibility.
- ii. Assist the state forests in development of vegetation treatment projects that incorporate grazing or browsing.
- ii. Host a workshop on designing a grazing prescription for fuel reduction, with an emphasis on maintaining water quality. Coordinate with UCCE and others.
- iii. Host an annual workshop on California rangeland research, policy, and/or management.
- iv. Encourage and, as appropriate participate in, the creation of guidance for grazing plan development by CRMs by Cal Pac SRM.

3. Objective 3: Consult on the Development and Implementation of the

Noxious Weeds Program: Provide expertise to inform the development of the Noxious Weeds Program.

Action Items:

- i. Have an RMAC member or staff person attend each development meeting hosted by the California Department of Food and Agriculture to provide input on program development.
- ii. Monitor for additional opportunities for engagement with this program.

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4. Objective 4: Monitor for issues in rangeland science and management.

Convene groups of experts to address gaps and issues as they arise.

Action Items:

- i. Engage with the State and Regional Water Quality Control Boards; gather information regarding the Regional Water Quality Control Boards' process for developing their regulatory framework. Engage in stakeholder meetings to actively communicate concerns and propose alternatives as they arise.
- ii. Identify relevant issues and data gaps in rangeland science and management for consideration by the professional and scientific community.
- iii. Maintain working relationships with key experts in rangeland science and management and communicate the issues identified in (i) to these individuals, linking experts with different organizations and groups as appropriate.