Grazing Agreements on State Lands

Introduction to panel
- Why form a panel?
- Key purposes and desired outcomes
Today’s Panel Members

- Larry Ford, CRM, LD Ford Rangeland Conservation Science
- Katie Delbar, USDA, rancher
- Dr. Marc Horney, CRM, professor Cal Poly SLO
- Dr. Kristina Wolf, CRM, State BOF
- John Rocha and Jennifer Clausse, Sacramento County Department of General Services (DGS)
- Clayton Koopman, CRM, rancher, SFPUC Rangeland Manager
- Laura Cockrell, California Department of Fish & Wildlife
Core Question #1

- How can these discussions be translated into guidance for grazing management planning and effective grazing programs for use on state lands, and in particular, California Demonstration State Forests?
Core Question #2

- Why do some state agencies and NGOs exclude versus utilize livestock grazing?
- What are the policy histories for those agencies choosing to continue, exclude, or re-start grazing?
- What are the constraints that may exclude grazing?
  - Social
  - Economic
  - Environmental
What are the main components of a grazing license, and what are some of the requirements of a grazing license?

- in terms of limitations or expectations for compliance on the part of the lessee and lessor
  - e.g., monitoring, liability, cost, responsibilities
  - e.g., outlook on length of leases being negotiable beyond 5 years?
Core Question #4

What topics should be covered in a grazing management plan (GMP) for public lands?

- What performance standards should be included?
- Responsibilities for monitoring (e.g., agency, grazing lessee)?
- Reasonable limits to labor costs and level of effort for an effective monitoring program?
  - priority variables to measure
  - level of “research” rigor
  - assuring the monitoring results in a report for adjustment of management decisions
- What published science-based resources are available to guide development of a monitoring program?
Core Question #5

How is a fair market value determined?
What Other Question(s) Should We Be Asking?