

across the state for a variety of reasons, including many of those discussed above. CAL FIRE published Fuels Reduction Guidance in 2021¹⁹ which included most of these vegetation management activities, except grazing. The RMAC received several inquiries from stakeholders as to why CAL FIRE did not include information on prescribed grazing as a fuels management tool, and in response, the RMAC offered to produce an informational pamphlet addendum and a more in-depth white paper addressing prescribed herbivory as a fuels management tool for use alone or in combination with other tools. CAL FIRE has received the draft copy of the pamphlet addendum, and is considering whether to include this information, or information about prescribed grazing in some form, in future versions of their Fuels Reduction Guidance.

- Other challenges raised over the year during public RMAC meetings included issues related to the Livestock Pass Program, water quality and grazing in riparian areas, prohibition of gas engines, and post-fire landscape management. The RMAC will be working to secure speakers and develop activities to provide additional information to stakeholders, and will investigate avenues to fill these potential needs, including education and outreach, online resources, workshops, and recommendations for policy changes if warranted.

VI. CONCLUSION

The RMAC has substantially renewed efforts in the past two years to establish or re-establish collaborations with related agencies and organizations to better leverage the various resources, expertise, and efforts of these institutions to collectively support improved rangeland resource conditions across the State. The bulk of planning and coordination efforts occurred in 2022, with the majority of workshops and deliverables shifted to 2023. Efforts have included renewed collaborations with state agencies, internal state departments, and task forces, as well as local and state-wide range-related organizations. RMAC is partnering with organizations to present additional workshops and educational outreach opportunities regarding prescribed herbivory, fire in rangelands, and integration of fuels treatments through collaborations with CAL FIRE, University of California and California State universities, Swanton Pacific Ranch, and U.C. Cooperative Extension, among others. RMAC and Board staff representatives have been established to liaise with advised agencies, departments, and task forces. In addition, RMAC is increasing coordination with outside organizations to support the development of technical guidance, literature reviews/white papers, and pamphlets to support range resource management from the level of the individual up to the state agency.

¹⁹ <https://www.fire.ca.gov/media/4jqerfjh/fuels-reduction-guide-final-2021-interactive.pdf>

