

Range Management Advisory Committee

*History, Organization, and
Purpose*



What does the RMAC do?

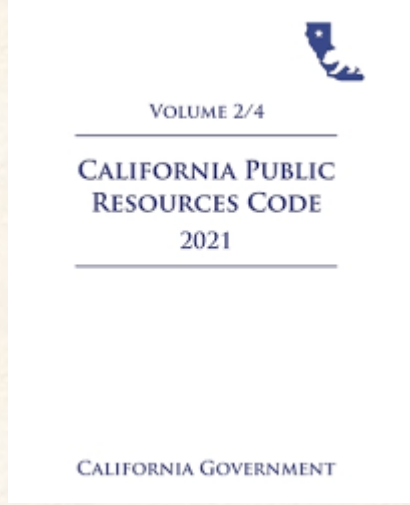
- ***Statutory committee that communicates issues of rangeland health and management to the Board of Forestry & Fire Protection and advised agencies (i.e., CA Natural Resources Agency, CA Env. Protection Agency, and CA Dept. Food & Ag on issues relating to rangeland resources***
- **Only state-level policy committee on rangeland issues**
- ***Provides recommendations regarding agency policies and programs under the purview of the Board which may impact rangeland resources***
- **Conducts outreach to and solicits feedback from stakeholders on subjects related to rangeland health & management**
- ***Facilitates interactions among interested individuals and organizations to refine and improve policies related to rangeland health & management in California***

History of the RMAC

- **1945** *Board of Forestry and Fire Protection appointed the RANGE IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RIAC) in response to State legislature authorizing a range improvement program within the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection*
- **1967** *RIAC re-constructed and chartered with 11 voting members and 9 non-voting consultants*
- **1975** *Reactivated and rechartered as the RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RMAC) with 11 voting members and 1 non-voting ex-officio member from the Board*
- **1984** *RMAC made a statutory committee to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection by Public Resources Code (PRC) 741; 2 public members added*
- **1996** *AB 3262 expanded the advisory role of the RMAC to include Cal EPA and the CDFG, in addition to the Board and CNRA*
- **2016** *SB 798 2015 replaced the Watershed Fire Council of Southern California with a third public member*



**2021 California Code
Public Resources Code - PRC
DIVISION 1 - ADMINISTRATION
CHAPTER 2.5 - Department of Forestry and Fire
Protection
ARTICLE 2 - State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
Section 741.
CA Pub Res Code § 741 (2021)**



“... (d) The **Secretary of the Resources Agency, the Secretary for Environmental Protection, and the Secretary of Food and Agriculture** shall notify the advisory committee of, and are encouraged to consult with the advisory committee [RMAC] on rangeland resource issues that are under consideration by the Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Food and Agriculture, respectively.”

Structure of RMAC



- **11 members with ranching, land management, and natural resources expertise. Today's representatives include:**
 - **3 public members with an interest and background in the management and conservation of range resources or special knowledge in the protection of rangeland soils and watersheds**
 - **1 member, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts**
 - **7 members, organizations representing rangeland owners**
- **A Board member appointed by the Chairman of the Board to serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member**
- **Chair and Vice-chair elected annually from the membership for one-year terms**
- **Seat terms are four years**

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES (3)

- **Marc Horney, *Chair*** **California Polytechnic State University, *San Luis Obispo***
- **Lance Criley** **USDA US Forest Service**
- **Dr. Paul Starrs** **Professor Emeritus, University of Nevada, *Reno* and University of California, *Berkeley***

CALIFORNIA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (1)

- **Joel Kramer** **San Diego Resource Conservation District**

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER (1)

- **Katie Delbar** **State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Farm Service Agency**



MEMBERS FROM ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING RANGELAND OWNERS (7)

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- **Rich Ross, *Vice Chair*** **California Cattlemen's Association**
 - **Billie Roney**
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- **Bart Cremers** **California Farm Bureau Federation**
 - **Taylor Hagata**
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- **Andree Soares** **California Wool Growers Association**
 - **Cole Bush**
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- **Dr. Stephanie Larson** **Director, Sonoma County U.C. Cooperative Extension**
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PARTNERS & ADVISED AGENCIES

Natural Resources Agency

- **California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection**
- **CAL FIRE**
- **California Conservation Corps**
- **Dept of Conservation Exposition Park**
- **Dept of Fish and Wildlife**
- **Fish and Game Commission**
- **State Lands Commission**
- **State conservancies (10)**
- **Dept of Parks and Recreation**
- **Dept of Water Resources**
- **Biodiversity Council**
- **State Demonstration Forests**
- **AND MORE!**



Environmental Protection Agency

- **State Water Resources Control Board**
- **Regional Water Control Boards (9)**
- **Air Resource Board (CARB)**

Department of Food and Agriculture

- **Drought Resources**
- **Ecosystem Services**
- **Animal Health and Food Safety Services Division**
- **Noxious Weed Management Areas**
- **Board of Food and Agriculture**
- **Office of Environmental Farming & Innovation**
- **Healthy Soils Program**

Range Organizations & the Public

- **CA Fire Science Consortium**
- **Cal Polytechnic Schools**
- **University of California (UCANR / UCCE, Research & Extension)**
- **California Rangeland Conservation Coalition**
- **Audubon**
- **CA Climate & Ag Network**
- **CA Wool Growers Association**
- **Farm Service Agency**
- **Fire Safe Councils**
- **Prescribed Burn Associations**
- **Private landowners**
- **Livestock managers**
- **CA Cattlemen's Association**
- **U.S. Forest Service**
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service**
- **Local fire departments**
- **Farm Bureau**
- **CA Resource Conservation Districts**
- **Central Coast Rangeland Coalition**
- **U.S. Fish & Wildlife**

Guiding Principles of the RMAC



VISION

A resilient rangeland landscape in California that provides a diversity of ecosystem services to support the state's ecological and human health

MISSION

To be an advocate to public agencies promoting scientifically and economically sound policies that affect the sustainability of California rangeland resources by:

- **considering issues related to California's rangeland resources**
- **providing recommendations on addressing them**
- **facilitating strong relationships with local, state, and federal agencies**
- **developing solutions that are based on environmental, social, and economic information that is current, data-driven, and considers diverse perspectives**



Major Accomplishments of the RMAC

- **1982** Cal Fire Vegetation Management Program to reduce wildfire risk and increase resilience
- **1986** **Integrated Hardwood Range Management Strategy – collaboration with CDFG and UC system**
- **1995** California Rangeland Water Quality Management Program – cooperative effort between RMAC, livestock producers, state and federal agencies (including UCCE and NRCS), and interest groups
- **1998** **Strategic Plan for the Coordinated Management of Noxious Weeds in California – an effort to coordinate noxious weed management among state, federal, and private land managers**
- **2002** A Survey of Natural Resource Professionals on Threats to Water Resources on California Rangelands – a statewide workshop to measure and evaluate water resource impairments on rangelands
- **2004** **Oak Woodland Policy Recommendations – presented to the Board in consideration of updating the Joint Policy on Hardwoods between the Board and the Fish and Game Commission**
- **2015** **PRESCRIBED HERBIVORY FOR VEGETATION TREATMENT PROJECTS White Paper – provided guidance to CAL FIRE and the public on herbivory for hazardous fuel reduction**
- **2019** **CALIFORNIA VEGETATION TREATMENT PROGRAM PROGRAMMATIC EIR approved, including prescribed herbivory**
- **2022** **STATE LANDS GRAZING LICENSE AND LAND MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE formed to develop grazing license and land management plan templates for use on state-managed lands**

Operating Procedures

- ***6–8 meetings annually in person as of Apr 2022, with virtual option for public participants and invited speakers***
- **Publicly-noticed, open meetings with encouraged public participation**
- ***Recorded meetings and materials posted online***
- **Regular outreach and invitations for input from range community**
- ***Speakers from range-related organizations on management and policy issues***
- ***Regular reports to the Board of Forestry & Fire Protection at public meetings***
- **Range-related policy and action recommendations to the Board of Forestry & Fire Protection**
- ***Action teams, appointees to liaise with advised agencies and departments, and partnered efforts to promote collaborative projects and deliverables to support information transfer***
- **Strategic Plan and Annual Report and Workplan to the Board of Forestry & Fire Protection**
- **Annual educational workshops: in person and virtual (TODAY)**

Tools for Sustainable Management of California's Fire-Prone Landscapes: Grazing for Fuel Reduction

*With a special introduction by Jennifer Montgomery,
Director of the Governor's Forest Management Task Force*

*California is facing unprecedented wildfires – how can we respond?
In today's fire regime, we need a diverse toolbox to respond effectively
and sustainably manage the land to prevent catastrophic wildfires.*

The California Range Management Advisory Committee, an advisory body to the California Natural Resources Agency under the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, is co-hosting a workshop with the University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources Program to discuss the use of prescribed livestock grazing as a sustainable fuel reduction and environmental management tool.

When: September 16th, 2019 at 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

**Please arrive 15-20 minutes early to check in*

Where: California Natural Resources Building Auditorium
1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95442

OR: Register to attend our live [Webinar](#)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/850527620161147906>

Questions may be directed to:

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If you plan to attend in person,

*please **RSVP by Friday,***

September 6th at 5:00PM:

<http://ucanr.edu/grazing&fire>

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Agriculture and Natural Resources



Registration Open!

Sustainable Management of California's Fire-Prone Landscapes: Using Grazing to Help Keep Communities Safe



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Three separate workshops in November will be **from 10AM-12PM** followed by an optional virtual networking hour where participants can engage with each other and ask questions.

Wildland Fuels: A Primer for Concerned Citizens & Grazers

November 5th, 2020

Registration [Link](#)

Using Grazing for Fuels Management 101: Practices & Strategies

November 12th, 2020

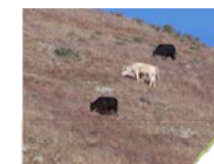
Registration [Link](#)

Organizing Community-Based Wildland Fuels Management Projects: Approaches and Examples

November 19th, 2020

Registration [Link](#)

Additional meeting materials are on the [Workshop Webpage](#) and recordings will also be available afterwards on the [Range Management Advisory Committee's Webpage](#).



Please address questions to:

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THE RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
& THE CA FIRE SCIENCE CONSORTIUM INVITES
YOU TO THE THIRD ANNUAL WORKSHOP SERIES

SAVE THE DATES!

JULY 29, AUGUST 5, AND AUGUST 12



SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF CALIFORNIA'S FIRE-PRONE LANDSCAPES: GRAZING FOR COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Three separate workshops will highlight case studies of successful grazing contracts and partnerships across the state. These virtual events are free and open to all with registration.



To register, please visit

https://calpoly.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_z30YyczsTXmB966qHeOljQ

CNRA: Natural and Working Lands Task Force

**Liaise with NWL Expert Advisory
Committee – AB 1757**

**Provide input into the OPR's CA 5th
Climate Assessment**



Healthy Soils Initiative

Provide input to CDFA on range issues

**Promote strategies and practices for healthy
soils; implement any mandates**



Joint Policy on Hardwoods

**Agreement of the Fish & Game
Commission and Board**

**1994 – directs CAL FIRE to interact with RMAC
on forest and vegetation management**



State Lands Grazing License and Land Management

**Grazing License and Management Plan
templates**

**Provide Guidance Booklet to walk users
through the process start-to-finish**

Providing services to agencies and the public



DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING GRAZING PROJECTS: *SLGLLM*

Grazing License template
Management Plan template
Guidance Booklet



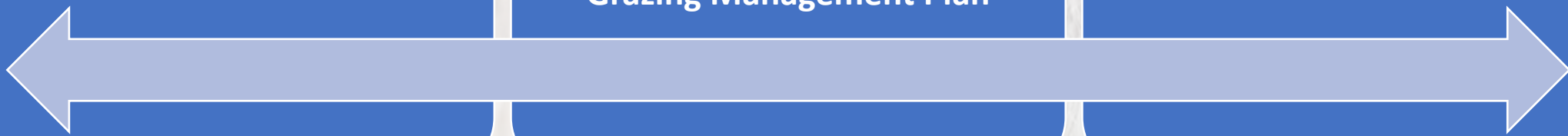
COLLABORATIVE WEBINARS

Wildfire Prevention Grants for prescribed grazing
Navigating the Proposal Process
Developing a Grazing Agreement
Creating and Implementing a Grazing Management Plan



FIELD DAY DEMONSTRATIONS

East Bay Regional Parks
San Diego
Paso Robles / Salinas River
Ojai Valley



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