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RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10th, 2019
Sacramento, CA

RMAC Members Present

Katie Delbar, ex officio member
Vice Chair Lesa Osterholm
Rich Ross
Andrée Soares
Billie Roney
Bart Cremers

RMAC Members Absent

Chair Marc Horney
John Van Duyn
Sheryl Landrum
Lance Criley
Don Watson

RMAC Staff

Brandi Goss
Edith Hannigan

Department Staff

Items appear in the order they were presented on the agenda.

Report of Chair Marc Horney and RMAC Staff

Ms. Goss announced that there were 85 in-person registrants and 45 webinar registrants for the September workshop and discussed some of the organizations represented. She also discussed the development of a news advisory for the workshop that was sent to local journalists. Ms. Goss also discussed the references packet for distribution at the workshop and the Committee suggested several additions to the packet including the CRCC website and signatories list and a publication from UCANR.

Approve August 2019 Minutes

No quorum was present so this action item was moved to the November meeting.

Presentation: Dr. Ken Tate, UC Davis

Dr. Tate facilitated an open discussion based on Committee interests and covered the following topics:

- 1) Ongoing interactions between the Lahontan Water Board and the US Forest Service regarding Eagle Lake
- 2) Research methodologies for water quality impacts testing
- 3) Post-fire grazing

Presentation: Leigh Seavey, USFS

Ms. Seavey was unable to attend the meeting. Her presentation will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

Facilitation of professional interactions between CRMs and RPFs

Ms. Goss discussed some of the contributions from Member Soares and Member Watson for revisions to the power point presentation. She is continuing to work with Chair Horney to identify a presenter.

Introduction of Staff Recommendations for Strategic Plan Revisions

Ms. Goss discussed some of the revisions to the Strategic Plan. Staff recommendations contained large revisions to the mission and goals section, minor revisions to the charter and administration section, and the addition of a “setting the stage” section and appendices containing references and a supplemental bibliography. The Committee voiced several concerns including 1) greater inclusion of other applicable landscapes outside of lands that are typically considered “rangelands,” such as forests and irrigated pasture; 2) the inclusion of regulatory barriers to grazing; 3) whether a distinction between targeted grazing and annual seasonal grazing needs to be included in the Plan; 4) whether or not changes to the mission statement will result in any limitations. The Committee also discussed maintaining the current membership make up and decided to retain the membership structure.

Presentation: Dr. Pelayo Alvarez, Carbon Cycle Institute

Dr. Alvarez provided a presentation regarding “carbon farming,” the benefits of healthy rangelands and grazing systems for carbon sequestration in California, and some methods that the Carbon Cycle Institute has been exploring to maximize sequestration.

Updates from Partner Organizations & Public Forum

No public comment was requested.