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I have some comments for the RMAC deliberations to share with you as I will not be participating on Thursday. I have highlighted the areas for my comments.

The use of RDM does not fit all the rangeland ecosystems noted in the Strategic Plan. It works for the bulk of the Annual Grassland types, but not PJ or wetlands, etc. You may want to list the other evaluations along with RDM.

I would suggest the use of the term grazing management plan development.

Insert Universities in the coordination beyond just UCCE.

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 educational opportunities to education with Certified Range Managers and government agency rangeland and forestry staff to grow professional knowledge in this the field. of rangeland health. 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. iii. 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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Marc, I wish you all a great meeting.

I think the priorities are excellent.

I am sharing an experience that Larry, Sheila and I had recently when working with the Bay Area RCIS. RCIS's are mandated by law for the various areas of the state. Of course, Alameda and Contra Costa counties' open space is rangeland. Rangeland was not defined, and it was thrown in with cultivated ag and those impacts. The consultants didn't know the state had a definition. With our encouragement, rangeland is now defined and has its own land use. Furthermore, the consultants are suggesting to CDFW, the overseeing agency that this be done in the other regions' RCISs. This is an example of vigilance and influence that RMAC can provide to the administrative planning processes. Those of us in the field could use encouragement to bring these things to RMAC for your supplementation or backing.

Note: "RCIS" = Regional Conservation Investment Strategies Program (under CDF&W). See <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Planning/Regional-Conservation>.

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