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RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 13th, 2020
Stockton, CA

RMAC Members Present

Chair Marc Horney
Rich Ross
Bart Cremers
Andree Soares
Don Watson
Sheryl Landrum

RMAC Members Absent

Katie Delbar, ex officio member
Billie Roney
John Van Duyn
Lance Criley

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

- a) Approve August, September, and November 2019 Minutes

01-20-01 Member Ross moved to approve the August, September, and November 2019 meeting minutes. Member Soares seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Criley	Absent
Cremers	Aye
Roney	Absent
Landrum	Aye
Soares	Aye
Ross	Aye
Watson	Aye
Van Duyn	Absent
Horney	Aye

The motion carried with 3 absences.

- b) Member appointments and re-appointments

- i. Kristen Murphy
- ii. Lesa Osterholm
- iii. Rich Ross
- iv. Andree Soares
- v. Billie Roney

Member Osterholm chose not to be reappointed to the Committee. All other members up for appointment and reappointment elected to be appointed and will be brought before the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection for approval at the January meeting.

- c) Officer position appointments

01-20-02 Member Landrum moved to approve the officer appointments of Marc Horney as Chair and Rich Ross as Vice Chair of RMAC for the 2020 calendar year. Member Watson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Criley	Absent
Cremers	Aye
Roney	Absent
Landrum	Aye
Soares	Aye
Ross	Aye
Watson	Aye
Van Duyn	Absent
Horney	Aye

The motion carried with 3 absences.

- d) Other pertinent updates

Strategic Plan Revisions Discussion

The Committee discussed the changes to the Strategic Plan made by staff and suggested by Committee members at the November meeting. Several organizational and phrasing changes were suggested by the Committee such as including that agencies are required to notify the Committee of changes to projects and programs related to rangeland resources and the inclusion of RMAC's interaction with federal and local government in addition to state government. Member Watson also discussed the issue of grazing as a fuels management tool and how the Strategic Plan and Mission Statement address that key component of RMAC's mission moving forward.

01-20-03 Member Watson moved to approve the 2020 RMAC Strategic Plan. Member Landrum seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Criley	Absent
Cremers	Aye
Roney	Absent
Landrum	Aye
Soares	Aye
Ross	Aye
Watson	Aye
Van Duyn	Absent
Horney	Aye

The motion carried with 3 absences.

Discussion of 2020 Priorities

The Committee discussed the differences between the current draft of 2020 Priorities and the previously approved Priorities from 2019. The Committee also discussed RMAC's role with the CRM program and how RMAC might engage with this program in the future. The Committee decided to focus on plan development guidance in collaboration with Cal Pac SRM. Several members also expressed that issues of fire prevention should be more fully incorporated into the priorities. The Committee made some additional organizational changes and transferred one item from the 2019 priorities regarding supporting grazing on the Demonstration State Forests to the new priorities document. The Committee instructed staff to incorporate these changes and appointed a subcommittee of two (Member Soares and Chair Horney) to work with staff on a draft for the March meeting.

Status of Fuels Management by Grazing Projects

Staff shared that Kevin Conway has been working with state contracts to move forward on the State Demonstration Forest projects and is currently waiting for the contracting process to be complete.

Updates from Partner Organizations & Public Forum

Bob Gillaspy, NRCS shared that he has noticed some news headlines related to fuel reduction grazing and he is concerned about some incorrect terminology referring to grazing as "eliminating" wildfire.