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RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE **MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 12:30 PM

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ROLL CALL

RMAC Members Present

Chair, Dr. Marc Horney – virtual
Vice Chair, Rich Ross – in person
Joel Kramer – virtual
Cole Bush – virtual
Bart Cremers – virtual
Dr. Paul Starrs – virtual
Andrée Soares – virtual
Lance Criley – virtual
Dr. Stephanie Larson – virtual

RMAC Members Absent

Taylor Hagata
Billie Roney
Katie Delbar, ex officio member

The Board's mission is to lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of forest and rangelands, and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state.

RMAC Staff

Dr. Kristina Wolf, Environmental Scientist – in person

Department Staff

Steven He, Technical Support – in person

Public Attendees – Michael Garabedian, Danielle Ruiz, Christine Toorinjian, Mariana Zavala

AGENDA ITEMS: [RMAC Agenda online \(https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/ybwnpys5/02-march-27-2023-agenda-final.pdf\)](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/ybwnpys5/02-march-27-2023-agenda-final.pdf)

Items are numbered by their corresponding Number on the agenda and documented below in order of their introduction during the meeting. Any times indicated are approximate.

Time: 16:41

1. Call to Order, Webinar Meeting Format, and Roll Call – Dr. Kristina Wolf, Board Staff

See results of roll call, above. Dr. Wolf reviewed the webinar format and functionality.

2. Staff/Chairman's report – Dr. Marc Horney, Chair

Chair Horney gave a presentation about the RMAC to the Board of Forestry & Fire Protection (Board) last month and updated them on the various deliverables and activities the RMAC is involved in, including the annual educational workshops. The Board is very supportive of all the work that the RMAC is doing.

Chair Horney reported he also participate in the Paso Robles RMAC field workshop, and it went very well, but he was unable to attend the San Diego workshop due to illness. The webinars he has participated in also went well and was well-received by participants. The RMAC is continuing to shepherd along several efforts, including those of the State Lands and Grazing License and Land Management (SLGLLM) subcommittee.

Dr. Wolf clarified that there were two events in San Diego: the May 8th joint Cal Pac SRM-RMAC meeting and field workshop at Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve (RJER), and Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area (HCWA), and the May 10th Board Field Tour at Corte Madera Ranch in Alpine, RJER, and HCWA. There was a lot of positive feedback from the Board and the meeting was successful in spurring discussions around prescribed grazing.

Dr. Horney reported that the Forest Resources and Assessment Program (FRAP) is working on the new assessment which includes range, and if anyone would like to be involved, please let Dr. Horney know.

Potential Actions:

- All members to reach out to Dr. Horney or Dr. Wolf if they have interest in knowing more about the FRAP assessment or want to be involved.
- Dr. Horney to review the current SLGLLM documents and will follow up about the guidance booklet.

3. Approval of March 2023 meeting minutes – Dr. Wolf, Board Staff

The draft meeting minutes were sent out to the RMAC members for their review. There were no corrections required.

Member Larsen motioned to approve the March meeting minutes as presented; Member Starrs seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Rich Ross	Abstain
Joel Kramer	Abstain
Cole Bush	Aye
Bart Cremers	Abstain
Dr. Paul Starrs	Aye
Andrée Soares	Aye
Lance Criley	Not present at time of vote
Dr. Stephanie Larson	Aye
Chair, Dr. Marc Horney	Aye

The motion passes by majority vote with five ayes and three abstentions; the meeting minutes are posted online: [March 2023 Meeting Minutes](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/h2mls4a4/02-march-23-2023-meeting-minutes-final.pdf) (<https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/h2mls4a4/02-march-23-2023-meeting-minutes-final.pdf>)

4. Progress on Annual Priorities – Dr. Horney, *Chair* and RMAC Members

All members should have received a copy of the Annual Priorities and the objectives for which they were assigned main responsibility (<https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/3nvijukb/4-rmac-objective-assignments-2023-03-22.pdf>). Dr. Wolf reported that she added in Member Kramer on several objectives related to projects and/or RCD work; nothing else changed since the prior version. Dr. Wolf reminded the committee of the four main goals of the RMAC, and within each there are several objectives to which RMAC members are assigned to move forward.

Goal 1, Objectives 1a–b

The approximate deadlines for each objective are noted on the priorities-goals-objectives, and significant progress has been made on the annual educational workshops and webinars. The SLGLLM has made substantial progress, but due to delays on the part of the Department of General Services (DGS) due to staff shortages, the templates have not been reviewed one final time by DGS. When DGS can review those documents, the SLGLLM can then respond and move those documents along to the Board. Dr. Wolf reported that she has submitted the grazing license template to DGS but has not heard back. Dr. Wolf reported that the grazing management template does have some outstanding comments that need to be reviewed by the Chair, and the Chair noted his goal to complete those by the third week of June. Dr. Wolf noted that the Guidance Booklet is the least complete and needs to be significantly developed; this was previously taken on by Member Delbar and Tracy Schohr, and the most recent report from them at the last meeting was that they still needed to make progress on this.

Goal 2, Objectives 2a–d, f

Chair Horney noted previous discussions in the RMAC about ramping up co-trainings for Registered Professional Foresters (RPFs) and Certified Rangeland Managers (CRM) and feels it would be beneficial for co-training opportunities to occur. Chair Horney noted that he, Member Cremers, and Dr. Larson could work on this as CRMs. It would be good to have some trainings underway before the RMAC thinks about moving on to demonstrations. Additional trainings for CRMs have been discussed for some years, and how the panel should focus its efforts on continued education is up in the air. Note: There is no expectation for continuing education requirements for either RPFs or CRMs. However, it would make sense to Chair Horney that these kinds of requirements would be put into place at some point. Fuels management via grazing and/or other methods of vegetation management might be an area where this kind of co-training could be

most beneficial. If projects could be developed to demonstrate the efficacy and application of grazing alone or in combination with other vegetation treatment efforts, those could provide good opportunities for co-training. Any information members or the public have about events already occurring that the RMAC could tap into and perhaps collaborate, especially with Prescribed Burn Associations (PBAs) and the UC Cooperate Extension. Member Kramer noted that the forestry community is not, in many ways, as aware of the work that is being done with prescribed grazing for fuels management in southern California, and across the entire state.

Goal 3, Objectives 3a–c

Dr. Wolf has tried to contact CAL FIRE about having someone come speak to the RMAC about prescribed burns but has not received any commitment yet.

Dr. Horney noted that the annual educational workshop is going well thus far. Member Kramer reported that regarding the San Diego workshops, the RMAC was very honored that so many people came to attend from across the State. San Diego might be a more sensitive landscape, but still represents many of the microclimates and features across the state. Having the forestry and fire community here was beneficial, because most often those conversations don't happen with the range community unless there is an active burn or emergency. The workshops were timed well to the annual range wildflower communities, and the many from the private sector also joined, so it was a very diverse group. Dr. Horney noted that if the RMAC wants to continue the annual educational workshop in future years, it should start planning for that immediately; Member Soares noted that her daughter attended the May 8th event, and said she spoke very highly of the whole workshop and was impressed with the members and the interest of all that were present. A rancher also reported that they felt that the information on wildlife habitat management with grazing was very interesting. Member Starrs noted that at the meeting on the 8th, it was apparent that there still needs to be some outreach and education to CAL FIRE; he noted that a CAL FIRE retired annuitant was in attendance all day, but he sensed there was some significant pushback to the idea that grazing is an effective means for managing fire hazard. Member Starrs noted that perhaps the Board and future meetings in the field might help provide that kind of education and information to CAL FIRE.

Member Kramer also noted that Bianca Soares stated that regardless of CAL FIRE's opinion on grazing's role in wildfire, they are most cautious about the public perception of it, and perhaps that kind of outreach is going to be instrumental in these efforts. Member Soares noted that they have been starting grazing collaboratives across neighborhoods with all species (goats, sheep, cattle) to connect smaller patches into a larger landscape that can be managed at a larger scale. Maybe there is a way to document that information and provide it to the public. She also noted it is very important to include fire personnel at these events to improve effectiveness, particularly those that are supportive of and have experience with grazing, and they can be tapped for developing outreach materials. Member Horney noted that perhaps there are CAL FIRE battalions around the state that have worked with grazing service providers that we could work with and involve newer CAL FIRE staff with already established efforts. Member Ross noted that there are independent areas in the state that have this experience; Anthony Stornetta with Santa Barbara County Fire is a big advocate of grazing for fuel reduction, and that is outside the realm of CAL FIRE. Dr. Wolf noted that she has a follow-up phone call with the CAL FIRE staff that were present to speak at the May workshops to discuss prescribed grazing; she noted that when Matthew Shapero provided information on levels of residual dry matter (RDM) and the relationship to flame heights, but vertical structure and the amount of oxygen available to the vegetation is was of critical importance in slowing fires to provide more time to get to and fight the fire. So, it is important to discuss the nuances of volume (biomass) AND vertical and horizontal structure and the relationship to fire (e.g., 3,000 lbs on the ground may burn more slowly, or not at all, compared to 500 lbs of RDM that

is standing up and allows fire to move through rapidly and effectively); that is, the alteration of the vegetation at a variety of scales is important, and the *amount* of vegetation is not the only factor involved in fire risk. She also noted that there were clear concerns expressed by CAL FIRE personnel about liability, and potential concerns that perceptions that grazing can stop fire may increase liability to CAL FIRE if fire is not stopped after the application of grazing; Dr. Wolf noted that this could be the case with any kind of fuels treatment, however, but that perhaps this is more of a concern with prescribed grazing due to the variability of results that might be observed from prescribed grazing.

Dr. Horney noted that Laguna Beach has apparently been using goat grazing for about 20 years for fuels management, and he would like to invite them to give a presentation to the RMAC.

Goal 4, Objective 4a

The most effective method for connecting with these agencies is likely to vary by agency and personnel. We have had one-on-one meetings with deputy secretaries of all the advised agencies, but unless we start assigning someone to show up to their regular meetings perhaps that would be a method for tracking those agency activities. Engaging with ALL departments in those agencies does not make much sense (e.g., Natural Working Lands makes sense, but city waste management does not), but determining the departments and/or efforts that have intersections with RMAC first, and then determining the important items on which to focus the RMAC's efforts, may be a more efficacious route. Dr. Larson stated that we should ensure we have a reason to be there, that they are aware that the RMAC will be there, and that there is a plan of action or an agenda item with which the RMAC can engage.

Goal 4, Objectives 4b

Member Kramer noted there are a lot of projects in process across the state, but there isn't one place that these projects are being posted. The Resource Conservation Districts (RCD's) through their umbrella organizations may also have projects, but they are also not grazing focused. Perhaps it makes sense to have a webpage with links to different projects for interested parties to look at and compare to their own sites/situations.

Goal 4, Objectives 4c

Regarding relationships with advised agencies, Dr. Wolf reported that she sends in a request to all advised agencies by Oct 15th every year. Dr. Wolf reported that Dean Kelch has spoken to the RMAC about the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA); Jenn Phillips with CNRA spoke to the RMAC; Katie Delbar is our Board representative and could be tapped; and for the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), we haven't had any RMAC presentations, and we should likely develop a clear ask for the EPA. Dr. Horney noted it would be helpful to know how the EPA intersects with the RMAC; we have thus far engaged mostly with Air Resources Board (CARB) and the Water Boards. Dr. Wolf noted that Dr. Larson is slated to track the Water Boards' activities and report to the RMAC. Member Ross noted that the agencies are required to give notices about regulations; Dr. Wolf noted she does try to send those out when she receives them and has done so relatively regularly. Member Kramer noted that Outreach and Education would be very relevant in the arena of water quality and impacts; and for CARB, grazing has the potential to protect carbon sinks and provide a critical service. Member Ross noted that the RMAC should also be keeping track of legislative activities. Dr. Wolf noted that the RMAC does track several bills related to rangelands and grazing.

Goal 4, Objectives 4d

Continue to provide information about the Healthy Soils Program (CDFA).

Goal 4, Objectives 4e–g

Dr. Larson and Dr. Horney can speak offline about how to best approach tracking of water quality issues across the state.

Goal 4, Objectives 4h

Member Ross noted that the Livestock Pass Program has largely been ineffective. Perhaps we could invite someone to help us understand why that is happening, and what can be done, if anything. The county-by-county structure of the program makes it virtually useless for ranchers that graze across county lines.

Potential Actions:

- Dr. Horney to invite Laguna Beach grazing operators to talk about their fuels management projects.
- Dr. Wolf to invite CAL FIRE staff to join RMAC to discuss grazing.
- Develop opportunities for CAL FIRE personnel education and outreach around prescribed grazing.
- Member Ross to invite Anthony Stornetta to speak to the RMAC about prescribed grazing planning and efforts in his area (Santa Barbara).
- Dr. Wolf to contact Dan Stapleton and the PLFC about potential co-training opportunities for RPFs and CRMs.
- Dr. Wolf to speak with Chief Scully about prescribed grazing perceptions and opportunities within or in partnership with CAL FIRE.
- Member Soares to explore opportunities within developing local grazing cooperatives for education and outreach.
- Potentially conduct a field tour at Member Ross and/or Member Roney's and/or Member Hagata's grazed properties. There is a limited window to conduct field days in their area due to snow, and all animals must be removed by September, so if not this year, then perhaps next year. Bre Owens and others may also contribute to this, and host at their properties for such a workshop.
- Dr. Horney to review video recordings of the workshops that he has taken so far from Paso Robles and Ojai, and potentially develop some educational materials from these resources.
- Dr. Larson and Dr. Starrs will attend meetings of advised agencies as they are able to track items of business that may be of interest to the RMAC. Dr. Wolf to identify departments and efforts within advised agencies. Dr. Wolf to initiate this via email.
- Member Kramer to think about the RMAC web hosting a clearinghouse for demonstration projects involving grazing and will work with Dr. Wolf (who will help with the webpage development and hosting).
- Member Delbar to engage with the Board and act as liaison between the Board and RMAC.
- Dr. Larson and Dr. Horney to work together to develop a plan of action to engage the State and Regional Water Boards and report back to the RMAC. Dr. Wolf will continue sharing regulatory notices from the Water Boards with the RMAC.
- Dr. Wolf noted she has been trying to get someone from CARB to talk about the legislation that would ban gas engines in the future.
- Dr. Wolf will continue to share legislative items of interest; any members should also bring any matters of interest to her attention to agendize those items.

- Members Rich and Roney will keep the RMAC apprised of any changes or important information about the Livestock Pass Program.

Time: 2:07:30 – skipped to agenda item #6

6. Educational Workshop Series Planning Update – Members Cole Bush and Joel Kramer; and Dr. Wolf, Board Staff

Member Bush provided a recap of the Ojai field workshop and the tours to view two locations where the Community Supported Grazing Program is being applied within the city; she felt it was a very constructive workshop, and feels it is worthwhile to continue these workshops going forward. She also suggests that RMAC find a funding source to put these events on, as it is a big ask from grazing operators and small organizations to provide full support and resources for these workshops. Dr. Wolf noted that the RMAC had originally partnered with Cal Poly Swanton Pacific Ranch to provide funding and resources to put on these events, but they only conducted one of the field workshops. It is possible that perhaps next year we can tap resources of the Western Lands Alliance and the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative grant, and/or the California Fire Safe Council if they have the staff for it by then. The San Diego/Imperial County Cattlemen's Association, and the San Diego Cowbelle (Cattlemen) also provided refreshments. Any ideas for how to access other resources that could support this would be helpful. If the RMAC would like to attempt developing a Budget Change Proposal, there needs to be a very clear and concise program description for how those funds would be utilized.

Dr. Wolf also reported that there is one more upcoming field workshop (Salinas River Vegetation Management Plan) this coming Friday (5/26) in Paso Robles partnering with the Paso Robles City Fire Department, The Goat Girls, Althouse & Meade (who is sponsoring the location venue for a portion of the day and refreshments).

In summary, the following events have occurred or are planned for the 2022/23 RMAC Annual Educational Series:

Webinars

- 1) Request For Proposals (RFP) Workshop Joint Range Conference with the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition (CRCC), Feb 24, in Stockton: <https://spranch.calpoly.edu/navigating-proposal-process-wildfire-fuels-treatment-using-prescribed-grazing>. Speakers included:
 - Dr. Marc Horney, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo: Making your Case - Important Elements to Consider in Developing Proposals for Funding Grazing Treatments for Fuels Removal
 - Dr. Stephanie Larson, UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE): How to Implement Grazing into a Vegetation Management Plan.
 - Marshall Turbeville, CAL FIRE: Grazing to reduce wildfire intensity, rate of spread, and resistance to control
 - Ryan Nielsen & Clayton Koopmann: Grazer perspectives on developing and applying for grazing projects
- 2) Grazing License – May 19th, virtual only workshop. Speakers included Julea Shaw (Department of Fish & Wildlife), Lisa Worthington (CalTrans), Marc Horney, and Len Nielsen (CAL FIRE).

- 3) Grazing Management Plan – Planned for June 6th; speakers will include Alan Bower (NRCS), Morgan Doran (UCCE), Sheila Barry (UCCE), and Roxanne Foss (Vollmar Natural Lands Consulting, VNLC)

Field Tours

- 1) East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD) – occurred March 16th, <https://spranch.calpoly.edu/targeted-grazing-fuel-reduction-case-studies-east-bay-regional-parks>.
 - Sheep, goats, and cattle representatives were present; the goal was to help participants improve their understanding of why people might choose targeted grazing as part of a vegetation management and fuels reduction strategy, and how that gets implemented.
 - Speakers included Fuels Reduction Coordinator at EBRPD, Steve Keller; Rangeland Specialist at EBRPD, Allison Rofe; Star Creek Land Stewards', Bianca Soares; and CAL FIRE representatives, among others.
- 2) Joint Cal-Pac SRM Spring Field Tour and RMAC Field Day – All-day event May 8 at RJER and HCWA, with speakers from UC Berkeley, UCCE, Vollmar Natural Lands Consulting, US Geological Survey, and the CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife.
- 3) Ojai Valley Field Day – All-day event on May 16; speakers included Cole Bush, Shepherdess Land & Livestock; Michael Leicht, Ventura Brush Goats; Matthew Shapero, UCCE; Chris Danch, Ojai Valley FSC; and Tom Maloney, Ojai Land Conservancy.
- 4) Paso Robles – Salinas River Vegetation Management Plan: will occur on May 26th, meeting at Althouse & Meade (A&M) at 8:30 AM. Speakers will include Beth Reynolds, Cal Poly SLO & the Goat Girls; Jay Enns, Paso Fire Department; LynneDee Althouse (A&M); Daniel Keeley, A&M; and Dan Turner, San Luis Obispo Fire Safe Council.

The RMAC should start to think about planning for this next year's events. Dr. Horney reminded the committee that RMAC's role in the educational outreach process should be one in which it can help identify topics of interest or new issues, develop an initial educational program, and then push it back out to other entities and organizations going forward that may be better suited to that role. Then the RMAC can move on to the next prioritized issue. Dr. Horney reminded the committee that this year the focus was prescribed grazing for fuels management. What are some possible topics for next year? Dr. Wolf thought that topics around emergency response and operations for livestock managers could be a good focus. Member Kramer indicated an interest in the connection between working lands and natural lands; Dr. Wolf noted that this is a hot topic, and the Natural Working Lands Expert Advisory Committee, CNRA, and a variety of entities have been discussing how to set climate and/or ecological targets for rangelands (and other land cover types), and this is a major focus of AB 1757, and setting rangeland targets could be an important topic for the educational series.

Member Soares indicated her support for continuing the momentum built thus far by the RMAC educational series. Member Starrs added that the RMAC has many educators on the committee, and it would not hurt to remind educators that they can use these events for student learning as well, and perhaps the structure and topics of the workshops could provide useful information and templates for teaching about prescribed grazing, and grazing and livestock management in general; even elementary school students, the FFA, and 4-H could be good audience targets as well.

Member Horney noted that the field days do seem to be quite valuable, but given the issues that developed working with Cal Poly, and the proffered time and resources that were not available for all but one of the field workshops, we do want to be careful about who we partner with, and we don't want a repeat of this year's challenges. Dr. Wolf and Dr. Horney noted that in the future they will not have the resources to devote the amount of time that would be needed to conduct 3 or 4 field workshops next year. She suggested that perhaps one large field workshop be developed, and it could be moved around the state over the years, or there could perhaps be two (north and south regions of California). Member Kramer agreed that one large workshop would be a good option, and that the RMAC could partner with collaborators to focus on underserved regions.

Potential Actions:

- RMAC members to provide information or ideas for the 2023/24 educational workshop to Dr. Wolf.

Time: 2:37:30 – returned to agenda item #5.

7. Update on Working Groups or Advised Agencies – Dr. Wolf, Board staff

Natural & Working Lands Team

Dr. Wolf provided an update on her interactions with the Natural & Working Lands (NWL) team under the Natural Resources Agency (CNRA). The Expert Advisory Committee (EAC) has a mandate of developing recommendations for meeting California's carbon goals on natural and working lands by Jan 1, 2024, which is coming up fast. The EAC has concerns that they do not have enough time to produce those recommendations by then, and as such, the recommendations may be very broad.

Skipped item 5 earlier, and came back to it within this agenda Item #7.

5. Update on Joint Policy on Hardwoods – Dr. Wolf, Board staff

Fish and Game Commission (Commission) and Board Joint Policy on Hardwoods
https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/yvtej2ji/6-joint-hardwood-board-policy-1994_ada.pdf

The RMAC submitted a letter on behalf of the California Wildlife Federation (https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/3yyhw5it/5-ca-wildlife-foundation-ca-oaks-letter-jph-04-27-23_ada.pdf), and the RMAC submitted a letter (https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/musjoedu/5-rmac-comment-on-jph-2023-05_ada.pdf) as well requesting that if the policy is retained that 'Hardwood Rangeland' and the tree/shrub species in the policy should be clearly defined.

8. Update on Prescribed Herbivory Pamphlet and Planning for Prescribed Herbivory White Paper – Member Cole Bush and Dr. Wolf, Board staff

Several RMAC members and members of the CWGA Targeted Grazing Committee produced a one-page pamphlet (<https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/qgoodpgx/8-grazing-fuels-guide-draft-2023.png>) with the hope that it will be put into CAL FIRE's Fuels Reduction Guidance. Thus far, no agreement has been reached about how or if CAL FIRE will utilize this document. CAL FIRE did ask for feedback on a targeted goat grazing video that was produced by CAL FIRE personnel, and the same individuals who contributed to this pamphlet provided feedback to CAL FIRE.

Member Bush suggested that in addition to this, an update to the basic review of prescribed herbivory (the white paper produced by RMAC in 2015) could occur. How should the RMAC go about this? Dr. Wolf reminded the committee that the last goals were to 1) develop an update to that white paper first; and 2) concurrently create a technical guidance publication about the use of prescribed herbivory alone or in combination with other fuels treatments (like those reviewed in

CAL FIRE's Fuels Reduction Guidance, <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/media/umkhhdbs/fuels-reduction-guide-final-2021-print.pdf>).

Potential Actions:

- Dr. Wolf will continue to try to get an answer from CAL FIRE about next steps for the one-page information sheet on prescribed grazing.
- RMAC and CWGA members continue to work on updating the white paper, and developing a technical guidance document.

9. Updates from Partner Organizations & Public Forum

a. Legislative Updates

- **SB 675 (Limón): Prescribed Grazing for Wildfire Mitigation** – Dr. Wolf reported that this bill has passed out of committee and has had a couple minor revisions. It continues to work its way through the legislative process.

b. Updates from Partner Organizations

i. California Farm Bureau

ii. California Cattlemen's Association

Member Ross reported that many members of the senate and assembly attended the Tahoe Cattlemen's breakfast.

iii. University of California Cooperative Extension

iv. California Wool Growers Association

v. California Resource Conservation Districts (CA RCD)

Member Kramer reported that RCD(s) across the state have had some good success with the GLCI grant. Two different cooperative agreement applications were accepted: 1) North Coast Soil Hub – 7 RCD's covering 7 counties in northern California; and 2) San Mateo RCD partnership with Point Blue, TomKat Ranch, and FarmLink. Both are creating networks for farmers and ranchers who are doing regenerative grazing, and they are working together to develop learning resources and provide demonstration sites.

c. Members of the public may address the Committee on any topic within its jurisdiction not otherwise on the agenda. Items will not be discussed in depth but may be agendized for the next committee meeting.

- **Public Comment from Danielle Ruiz**

She is from CalTrans and attended the webinar last Friday (May 19) in which Lisa Worthington from CalTrans was a speaker. She is interested in finding out how much input the RMAC might want from CalTrans regarding fuel reduction and vegetation management along roadsides.

Announcements

The suggested next meeting day is Monday, July 17th at 12:30 PM.

10. Adjourn