

RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Dear Chair Gillless,

October 15, 2021

I am sending this letter on behalf of the Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC), an advisory body to the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board), the California Natural Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture. As you are aware, the RMAC is responsible for advising on matters affecting the conservation, management, and use of grassland, oak woodland/savannah, brushland, and other grazed ecosystems in the State. California's rangelands support a variety of native plant and wildlife species, provide clean water, productive soil, carbon sequestration, open space, and help support rural economies. There are over 57 million acres of rangeland and 32 million acres of forestland in California, some of which may be appropriate for grazing activities for a variety of goals related to fire and ecology.

The RMAC would like to continue development of open and constructive lines of communication with the Board so that it may better fulfill the statutory duty of advisement on rangeland issues under consideration by the Board. As part of a Strategic Plan, the "RMAC shall solicit priorities from the Board and the Agencies annually, no later than October 15, for incorporation into each year's projects and priorities. Priorities will relate to programs under the purview of, or under consideration by, the Board and the Agencies and their relationship to rangelands and rangeland resources."

To accomplish this goal, we request that the Board reach out to administrative staff (below) before December 1, 2021 to submit a comprehensive list of topics and programs related to rangelands that are currently, or are anticipated to be, under the purview of Board. We look forward to developing a regular means of communication over the coming year so that the RMAC may stay informed and provide constructive feedback on the development or refinement of programs and policies for which the Board is responsible. The RMAC will work to be responsive to incorporation of the Board's annual priorities and needs, and will investigate potential synergies where RMAC could provide support to the Board.

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The RMAC seeks to ensure a future with healthy, productive rangelands in California and believes that collaborative efforts and communication between agencies and the Board is an important component in forwarding this goal. The RMAC hopes to make a tangible contribution in promoting and assisting in furthering the goals and priorities of the Board. Thank you for your assistance on this matter and I look forward to speaking more in the future.

Sincerely,

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