

RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
2019 PRIORITIES

**Mission of RMAC**

The mission of RMAC is to be an advocate to public agencies, promoting scientifically and economically sound policies that affect the sustainability of California's rangeland resources.

1. **Promote Beneficial Grazing and Browsing for Fuel Reduction**

**Objective:** *Support efforts to increase the utilization of grazing and herbivory on public & private lands, particularly in the wildland-urban interface, for vegetation management, fuel hazard reduction, and ecological goals.*

**Action Items:**

- 1) Determine existing grazing and browsing projects aimed at fuel reduction in California and what agencies are participating in these efforts.
  - a. Compile a comprehensive list of individuals using or providing targeted grazing services. Create and host this list publicly with collaboration from other agencies and organizations.
  - b. Identify existing Best Management Practices (BMPs) for targeted grazing on different landscapes and collaborate with other organizations to identify missing BMPs and develop well-defined BMPs for distribution.
- 2) Identify landowner(s) and agencies who would partner to participate in a targeted grazing demonstration project and collaborate to conduct needed research.
  - a. Initiate and support conversations centered around project development. Enable networking between different organizations and agencies to facilitate collaborative approaches to answering targeted grazing questions.
  - b. Assist in project development and directions to answer key questions identified by RMAC members and RMAC's literature searches.

2. **Collect and Disseminate Contemporary Rangeland Science**

**Objective:** *Collect and present recent rangeland research to educate other agencies about range science and current issues.*

**Action Items:**

- 1) Conduct three literature reviews on three topics related to rangeland science.
  - a. Partner with range programs at California universities and utilize existing databases to amass relevant literature related to the three topics identified by RMAC members.
  - b. Utilize this information to inform directions taken under Priority 1.
- 2) Host a workshop at the Natural Resources building regarding rangeland science for agency staff.
  - a. Use the literature obtained from Priority 2, Action Item 1 to inform talking points and presenters for the workshop.
  - b. Determine RMAC members who can participate in and speak at the workshop.
  - c. Create distribution materials for agency staff who attend the workshop.

3. **Provide Input to State/Regional Regulatory or Policy Programs Relevant to Rangeland Health**

**Objective:** *Track regulatory and policy developments regarding programs that impact rangelands. Seek to maintain open lines of communication between RMAC and relevant agencies to maximize stakeholder involvement in the development of programs.*

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**Action Items:**

- 1) Continue to engage with the Regional Water Quality Control Boards on the proposed Federal Non-Point Source program.
  - a. Gather information regarding the Regional Water Quality Control Boards' process for developing their regulatory framework.
  - b. Engage in stakeholder meetings to actively communicate concerns and propose alternatives as they arise.
- 2) Monitor pending legislation, regulatory packages, and policy developments which may affect rangelands.

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