RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2020 IMPLEMENTATION OF OBJECTIVES FROM THE STRATEGIC PLAN

 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:

- 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:

- 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:

- 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.
- Monitor for additional opportunities for engagement with this program.

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4. Objective 4: Monitor for issues in rangeland science and management.

Convene groups of experts to address gaps and issues as they arise.

Action Items:

- Engage with the State and Regional Water Quality Control Boards; gather information regarding the Regional Water Quality Control Boards' process for developing their regulatory framework. Engage in stakeholder meetings to actively communicate concerns and propose alternatives as they arise.
- Identify relevant issues and data gaps in rangeland science and management for consideration by the professional and scientific community.
- iii. Maintain working relationships with key experts in rangeland science and management and communicate the issues identified in (i) to these individuals, linking experts with different organizations and groups as appropriate.