

May 16, 2023: Field Tour Prescribed Grazing in the Ojai Valley: Community Supported Grazing Program

Name	Timing	Speaking Topic	Location	Notes
CHECK-IN	0800	Follow parking signs to park on street. Check-in at Chaparral Auditorium.	Chaparral Auditorium 414 E Ojai Ave. Ojai, CA 93023	Coffee will be provided by a local women-owned business, Pinhole Coffee and sponsored by Cole Bush , owner and operator of Shepherdess Land & Livestock
Dr. Kristina Wolf Certified Range Manager (CRM) Environmental Scientist, <i>Board of Forestry & Fire Protection and Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC)</i>	0830	Welcome	Chaparral Auditorium	Kristina.wolf@bof.ca.gov
Introductions	0835	Introductions	Chaparral Auditorium	Name, affiliation, what you are hoping to learn today
Dr. Marc Horney CRM; Professor of Animal Science, <i>Cal Poly SLO</i> ; Chair, <i>RMAC</i>	0855	Context for the educational series	Chaparral Auditorium	Mhorney@calpoly.edu
Chris Danch Executive Director, <i>Ojai Valley Fire Safe Council (OVFSC)</i>	0905	Community-Supported Grazing Program (CSGP); Multi-stakeholder approach, background of OVFSC, relationship with graziers and other partners; ecological goals and outcomes; challenges, constraints, and successes; trade-offs in ecological outcomes; funding mechanisms; demonstration site development.	Chaparral Auditorium	
Cole Bush Member, <i>RMAC</i> ; owner-operator, <i>Shepherdess Land & Livestock</i>	0920	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations of the CSGP • Relationships, co-developed goals, monitoring outcomes and adaptive management 	Chaparral Auditorium	
Matthew Shapero Area Livestock & Range Advisor, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, <i>UC Cooperative Extension</i>	0935 0945 – Drive	Preliminary grazing x fire behavior results (Residual Dry Matter x fire)	Chaparral Auditorium <i>Caravan to Besant Hill</i>	

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Cole Bush	1015	Walking tour to Front Pastures	Besant Hill School of Happy Valley 8585 N Ojai Rd, Ojai, CA 93023	Follow signs to parking lot
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Shapero • Cole Bush 	1045 1055 – <i>Walk</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biomass, grazing, and fire • Walking tour to Vernal Pool meadow 	Besant Hill <i>Front Pastures</i> <i>Walk to Vernal Pool meadow</i>	
Cole Bush	1110	CSGP for post-fire recovery and vernal pool invasive species management; grazing around riparian zones; considerations	Besant Hill <i>Vernal Pool meadow</i>	
Tom Maloney Executive Director, <i>Ojai Valley Land Conservancy (OVLC)</i>	1130 1145 – <i>Walk + Drive</i>	Ecological stewardship; fire-safe and fire-ready community; why grazing; ecological goals and outcomes; collaborations with graziers and partners. Opportunities for prescribed grazing in OVLCs stewardship programming.	Besant Hill <i>Vernal Pool meadow</i> <i>Walk to parking lot, caravan to Thacher School</i>	
Michael Liecht Owner-operator, <i>Ventura Brush Goats</i> Type 1 Firefighter, Member, <i>Ventura County RCD Prescribed Burn Association</i>	1210 1250 – <i>Drive</i>	Introduction to Ventura Brush Goats Multi-species grazing; constraints, challenges, and successes; prescribed grazing in the WUI; changes in vegetation communities; chaparral management.	Thacher School, Conference Room 5025 Thacher Rd, Ojai, CA 93023 <i>Drive to Chapel Overlook</i>	Ventura Brush Goats
LUNCH	1305	Bring Your Own Lunch – water provided	Thacher School, <i>Chapel Overlook</i>	
Michael Liecht	1405	Grazing Planning specifics; Goals and objectives: tensions and management considerations between tradeoffs; landowner motivations	Thacher School, <i>Chapel Overlook</i>	

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Matthew Shapero	1430	Type conversion and chaparral management; anecdotal evidence and management in-practice; monitoring data to add to the evidence	Thacher School, <i>Chapel Overlook</i>	
Chris Danch	1450	Last Stand Fuel Break Complementary efforts; Funding; Future plans; successes, similarities/differences to other projects/sites	Thacher School, <i>Chapel Overlook</i>	
All	1505	Open Discussion Q&A Session	Thacher School, <i>Chapel Overlook</i>	
All	1545	Closing Remarks	Thacher School, <i>Chapel Overlook</i>	
	<i>1600 – Drive</i>	<i>Return to starting point, end by 1630</i>	Chaparral Auditorium	