



Bay Area Ecosystems Climate Change Consortium

Managing Rangelands in Increasingly Uncertain Times

Wednesday, December 4 - 2:00 to 5:30 pm

Reception 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Martinelli Event Center, 3585 Greenville Road, Livermore, CA 94550

Workshop goal: Bring together ranchers, public rangeland managers, and rangeland experts to begin to identify conservation strategies to sustain the numerous ecosystem benefits of rangelands, support the needs of public land managers, and those of the Bay Area ranching economy, which could be at risk in an increasingly uncertain environment.

Agenda

- 2:00 **Welcome and introductions** - Andy Gunther, Executive Coordinator, Bay Area Ecosystems Climate Change Consortium
- 2:10 **Overview of agenda and goal for the workshop** - Nancy Schaefer, workshop organizer for BAECCC and Bay Area Program Manager, California Rangeland Trust
- 2:20 **Ranching in the San Francisco Bay Area** - Lynn Huntsinger, Rangeland Ecology and Management, UC Berkeley
- 2:35 **Public lands and working rangelands: Ranching viability, stewardship and conservation** - Sheila Barry, Bay Area Natural Resources/ Livestock Advisor, University of California Cooperative Extension
- 2:50 **Challenges facing public land rangeland managers** - Clayton Koopmann, Rancher and Rangeland Ecologist, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
- 3:05 **Predicted climate change impacts for rangelands** - Pelayo Alvarez, Director, California Rangeland Conservation Coalition
- 3:20 **Conservation strategies from the Sacramento Valley** - Wendell Gilgert, Working Lands Program Director, Point Blue Conservation Science
- 3:35 **Group discussion to select key issues for rangeland management for break out groups** - *to be determined by group - some suggested issues are water and forage availability for livestock, invasives control, examples of or ideas for drought planning as an element of grazing management plans, and grass banking*
- 3:55 **BREAK**
- 4:05 **Break out groups** organized around at least 3 key issues and tasked with describing the problem, opportunities for mitigation, and barriers to implementation

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5:00 Reports from break out groups

5:25 Summary of proposed conservation strategies and possible next steps

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