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Colleagues and Clients:

I think you'll be interested in the following news about rangeland conservation and grazing management:

EDUCATIONAL / NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Joint conference of the California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management and the California Native Grasslands Association in Santa Barbara, May 17-19, 2007. Workshops, technical sessions, and field tours... I'll be giving a progress report about the Central Coast Rangeland Coalition's indicators project on May 18. The flyer with general information and registration forms can be found at: http://www.rangelandconservation.com/News/2007_CalPac_CNGA.pdf

2. The UC Integrated Hardwood Range Management Program presents the Oak Woodland Planner's Workshop. It will address planning issues in oak woodlands, including: oak woodland planning and strategies that promote oak woodland conservation; and compliance with SB 1334 and AB 242, requiring mitigation should oak woodlands be significantly affected by a project. It will be held Wednesday, March 21, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm at the Martinelli Event Center (same facility as the Alameda County RCD) in Livermore. A fee of \$15 is required. Refreshments, lunch, materials, and A Planner's Guide for Oak Woodlands book will be provided. The flyer can be found at: http://www.rangelandconservation.com/News/Oak_Planners_2007.pdf

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CENTRAL COAST RANGELAND COALITION (CCRC) AND THE CALIFORNIA RANGELAND CONSERVATION COALITION (CRCC)?

Read about that at http://www.rangelandconservation.com/News/07_03_16.pdf

NEW REFERENCE AVAILABLE:

New from CDFA--"2007 California Noxious Weed Ratings List." Here it is (PDF format). Visit the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Weed website at: http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/ipc/noxweedinfo/noxweedinfo_hp.htm

Thanks, Larry

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