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Colleagues and Clients:

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

NEWS:

Central Coast Rangeland Coalition (CCRC)--Testing of the CCRC's Indicators of Sustainable Rangeland Stewardship are nearly complete with 14 of 15 properties visited. The next steps will be a report with test results and recommendations for improvements of the monitoring system. I will be giving a presentation with an update on the project May 18 at the spring meeting of the California and Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management in Santa Barbara.

California Rangeland Conservation Coalition (CRCC)--Representatives and partners of the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition met with congress members and agency representatives on March 30 and 31, 2007 on Capitol Hill. Defenders of Wildlife, Environmental Defense, and The Nature Conservancy representatives joined forces with California Cattlemen's Association officers and staff. More information at <http://www.calcattlemen.org/1%20Rangeland%20Resolution/Events/06-3%20Washington%20DC.htm>

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

1. May 30, 2007--Workshop on the biology and conservation of the Alameda Whipsnake by Karen Swaim at the Alameda County Resource Conservation District, Livermore, CA. Info about registration by emailing to Maria Wendler, Project Assistant at maria.wendler@acrcd.org
2. June 20-21, 2007--Workshop on the biology and conservation of the California Tiger Salamander by Pete Trenham at the Alameda County Resource Conservation District, Livermore, CA. Info about registration by emailing to Maria Wendler, Project Assistant at maria.wendler@acrcd.org
3. November 7-9, 2007--The Central Coast Agricultural Water Quality Coalition presents the National Conference on Agriculture & the Environment. The conference will focus on: (1)

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trends in data collection methodologies and data findings; (2) case studies in agricultural and environmental stewardship; and (3) fostering the cross pollination of new ideas, technologies, and methodologies among leading resource protection professionals. Presentations will be given by the Central Coast Rangeland Coalition and the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition. More info at <http://www.agwaterquality.org/2007conference/>

Thanks, Larry