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Colleagues and Clients:

1. Bay Area Open Space Council--"Grazing and Conservation: Ranchers and Environmentalists," San Francisco, March 17, 2011

The BAOSC is focusing its "almost spring" meeting on "Grazing and Conservation: Ranchers and Environmentalists." A panel will explore the complicated concepts of rancher stewardship and prescribed grazing to benefit habitat and to minimize impacts in management planning. The panel will discuss how to help planners and managers decide whether livestock grazing would provide conservation benefits, and if so, how to sustain a grazing management program and develop plans for feasible monitoring and adaptation of grazing. The California Rangeland Trust will present its new SF Bay Area rangeland maps. Panelists will include--Sheila Barry (moderator), Clayton Koopmann, Darrel Sweet, Teri Luchini, Larry Ford, Lisa Bush, and Lynn Huntsinger.

For details and registration, go to:

<http://openspacecouncil.org/community/events.php>

2. California Climate and Agriculture Network--Summit, UC Davis, March 31, 2011

The CalCAN Summit will explore the latest developments in science and on-farm practices that show promise for reducing agricultural greenhouse gas emissions and sequestering carbon.

Topics will include:

- Taking a Whole Farm Approach to Climate
- Carbon & Cattle: Climate Benefits of Rangeland Conservation
- Soil Management: Impacts on GHG Emissions & Carbon Sequestration
- Partnerships in Science & Practice

For details and registration, go to:

<http://www.calclimateag.org/climate-agriculture-summit/>

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3. California-Pacific Section, Society for Range Management spring tour, Tejon Ranch, April 18-19, 2011

CalPac's spring meeting and tour will be a rare opportunity to see some of California's most extraordinary rangelands--at the confluence of four southern California Ecological Regions, from Blue Oak and Valley Oak Woodlands, desert, and high elevation mountains. Topics will include how the Tejon Ranch Conservancy came about and what the future for the Tejon Ranch may hold. An all-day field tour will explore the Tejon Ranch Conservancy Project.

More details will be posted soon at: <http://www.rangelands.org/casrm/>

4. Central Coast Rangeland Coalition--Spring Meeting, San Jose, April 21, 2011

The CCRC will hold its spring meeting in San Jose at the IBM Almaden Research Center, next to Santa Teresa County Park. This meeting will focus on improving cooperation between public lands agencies and ranchers, and how conservation-oriented public lands agencies work with ranchers to meet their goals. Topics will include:

- How Santa Clara County Parks is approaching reintroducing grazing to Santa Teresa County Park through careful planning
- An expert panel discussion on public lands grazing and grazing leases aimed at promoting multiple objectives
- Innovative approaches of New Zealanders to promote sustainable rangelands through privately held, intensely monitored demonstration properties
- A field walk to compare ungrazed serpentine grasslands in the park, and adjacent grazed grasslands (managed by IBM)

For details and registration, go to:

http://www.elkhornsloughctp.org/training/show_train_detail.php?TRAIN_ID=GrH6X9T

Thanks, Larry