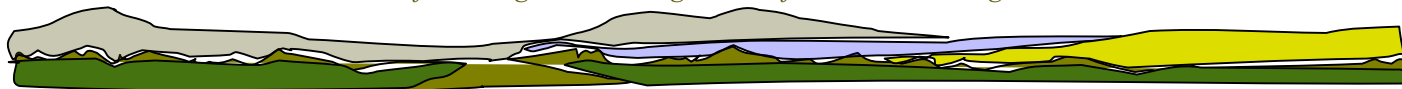


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Colleagues and Clients:

**1. Central Coast Rangeland Coalition--Grazing and Rancher Stewardship for Native Conservation, Current Knowledge and Opportunities--Fall Meeting, Brentwood, October 20, 2011**

The CCRC will hold its fall meeting on "Grazing and Rancher Stewardship for Native Conservation, Current Knowledge and Opportunities" at Vaquero Farms near Brentwood. The theme is finding the common ground between ranchers and conservation lands managers - we want to explore both the tensions and opportunities for collaboration. As participants will tour an area managed by East Bay Regional Parks, we will hear from their staff as well as from ranchers and scientists about the land we will tour. We know that a primary concern of conservation lands managers has been native grass conservation and restoration, and so a portion of the field tour will focus on a hands-on exercise monitoring native grasses. And, also while in the field, the group will have a chance to hear about a wealth of scientific research conducted by Dr. Bartolome and his UC Berkeley lab, examining grassland species response to grazing. In addition, UC Berkeley's Gareth Fisher will present some of his social science research, funded by Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, examining how ranchers' and conservation lands agency interests and goals intersect. For more information and to register, go to--  
[http://www.elkhornsloughctp.org/training/show\\_train\\_detail.php?TRAIN\\_ID=Gr1H5WA](http://www.elkhornsloughctp.org/training/show_train_detail.php?TRAIN_ID=Gr1H5WA) .

**2. California-Pacific Section Society for Range Management fall meeting, Modesto, November 7-8, 2011**

CalPac SRM's annual meeting will be held November 7-8, 2011 at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center in Modesto, CA. The November 7 program will include a board meeting, annual membership meeting, and a banquet. The November 8 program will focus on integrated weed management for California rangelands. Speakers will include--Targeted Grazing, by Karen Launchbaug; Program Overview of Range Weeds and Online Resources, by Joe DiTomaso; Biology and Control of Yellow Starthistle, by Guy Kyser; Biology and Control of Goatgrass, by Josh Davy; Biology and Control of Medusahead, by Morgan Doran; Program Determining Patch Priorities, by Stephanie Larson; Web Based Decision Support Matrix, by Theresa Becchetti; Ecosystem Services, by Stephanie Larson; Online Range Management Courses, by Mel George;

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Communications Using Social Media, by John Harper; and Social Media and Rangelands, the Future, by John Harper. The Stanislaus County Ag Center is located at 3800 Cornucopia Way, southwest of Modesto, at the corners of Service and Crows Landing Roads. Online registration will be available on September 30<sup>th</sup> at <http://www.rangelands.org/casrm/HTML/whatisnew.html>

3. Newsletters archived

To access past issues of this e-newsletter, go to <http://www.rangelandconservation.com/news.htm> .

Thanks, Larry