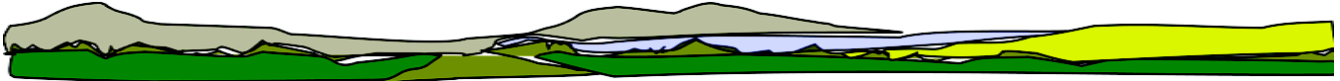


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Colleagues and Clients:

I think you will be interested in the following events and news related to rangeland conservation and grazing management:

1. Central Coast Rangeland Coalition, Spring 2016 Meeting, April 21, 2016, Sunol, CA

This gathering will provide an opportunity for local ranchers to describe their commitment and investment as well as the economic realities of managing cattle operations in California. The gathering will include technical experts who will clarify how costs, profits, and revenue need to balance out for an operation to be viable. Also, public land managers will speak to the costs, opportunities, and challenges of supporting ranching operations on public lands. It will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016, 8:45am – 4:30pm at the San Francisco Public Utility Commission Sunol Yard, 505 Paloma Way, Sunol, CA.

For more information, and to pre-register click here
(http://www.elkhornsloughctp.org/training/show_train_detail.php?TRAIN_ID=CeU6F8J).

2. Central Coast Rangeland Coalition, Rancher, Manager, and Scientist Forum on Rangeland Conservation

We are very pleased to announce this important part of the CCRC has been funded for a second 5-year period. Our sponsors are the East Bay Regional Park District and The Nature Conservancy of California. Grey Hayes and I will begin planning the topics by interviewing the sponsoring agencies and local ranchers, then selecting graduate student fellows and their faculty sponsors. You may view the graduate student papers here
(http://www.elkhornsloughctp.org/training/show_train_detail.php?TRAIN_ID=RaV1HLP).

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3. New Publication Series—Understanding Working Rangelands

Sheila Barry, County Director, Santa Clara and Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor, San Francisco Bay Area, is the lead author for the series. Two publications were co-authored by Larry Ford. You can find and download four new peer-reviewed publications in this series at the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources catalog here (<http://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/>).

4. Devii Rao's New Blog on Livestock and Natural Resources

Devii Rao, the new Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor for San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz County (and my former apprentice), has a new blog and other sources of info on Central Coast rangelands. She is busy planning her priorities to serve the needs of ranchers, agency managers, and consultants in the region. Check out the blog from the link here (<http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/livestock/>).

Thank you, Larry