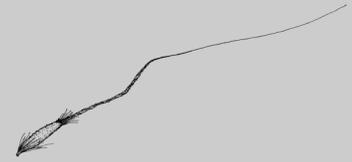




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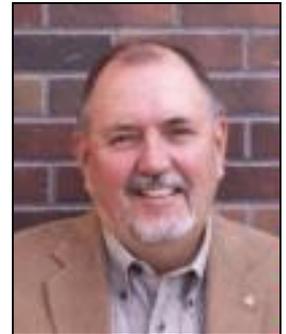
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President's Message

Jim Sullins



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Time has flown by since we were in Makena on Maui in October, another great meeting with great tours and good company. Congratulations to John Harper and his crew for all their efforts in Hawaii, Mark Thorne and Dave Kelly for tour arrangements, Bill Frost for program; Ken Fulgham, our Hawai'i connection, for great facilities and of course Edie Jacobsen for the financials, and to everyone that was able to attend, as that makes the meeting. A special thank you is due our Past-President; Rob Pearce worked hard for the section locally and at the national level. He is dedicated to growing the membership and will continue to work for that in the future as an advocate to the resource agencies. He is now working to make the Spring Meeting at Deep Springs College (May 4-6) a success. Another thank you is due to our outgoing directors, Marc Horney and Morgan Doran, of course as dedicated section members their work is not done, Marc is still working on Range Camp and advising on the Fall 2010 meeting, and Morgan is investing his talents into the success of this newsletter, offer them a pat on the back when you get a chance.

Special congratulations to Susan Edinger-Marshall of Humboldt State as the Cal-Pac President-Elect, along with a call for help. She is very involved in fighting the good fight attempting to save the Range program at Humboldt State, the last undergraduate range program in California. I am sure she could use all the support she and Ken Fulgham can muster. Give her a call and ask how you can help. Our section and SRM have proffered letters of support, but it is going to take more than that to turn this process around.

I want to make a special welcome to our newest directors, Amy Peters and Susan Forbes; I am looking forward to their joining the Board, and want to thank them for stepping up to serve the section. It is those that are willing to step up that make the section function. As a matter of fact check out all the officers, directors, and committee chairs and give them a pat on the back when you see them... maybe ask them if they need any help.

And we have a special member that we must recognize and congratulate, Stephanie Larson on her election to the SRM Board of Directors. I am sure Stephanie will serve us well, with a proactive and responsive representation. Jeff Mosley, President of SRM seems to be making a strong effort with Jack Alexander and the rest of the board in close stride, to make some needed changes. The Advisory Council is also being included in these efforts with the Chair and Chair-Elect being included in the monthly board conference call and in the Summer Board Meeting. I hope the membership will see some positive progress in a better website and response times on questions. PS, yours truly was elected as Chair-Elect for the Advisory Council, thanks to Rob's nomination speech, so we have a good opportunity for section representation to SRM at the board level.

Also, I suppose as President there should be some rambling or musing. Glancing over the SRM pamphlet "Rangeland Resources of North America" I noticed the banner says "The Society of Range Management: The voice for science-based rangeland conservation". This gave

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me pause as I considered the last time I was the “voice” and wondered if I was prepared to be as effective as I should have been. Science is not static, at times it even seems fluid and what seemed like basic principles 20 years ago, are now long forgotten. Every range professional that is going to be the “voice” must meet the challenge of staying up to date with the science. And of course that is where SRM comes in, as one of our primary objectives is continuing education and networking to provide our members the opportunity to stay current and to contribute to the discipline of Range Management. So prepare to be an effective voice for science-based rangeland conservation, be an active member, join us at our Spring and Fall meetings. See you there.

Proud To Be Part of California-Pacific SRM

By Rob Pearce

My year as Cal-Pac President went by rapidly. In fact, I can't figure out where time goes anymore. Serving as Cal-Pac president provided me an outstanding opportunity to work with the membership on a variety of issues and to be involved with an exceptional group of Cal-Pac officers and committees. I really do cherish my involvement with Cal-Pac and SRM.

Starting in 2010 Cal-Pac will have great representation at the national SRM. Stephanie begins her term on the National Board of Directors. It is a real opportunity for Cal-Pac to have involvement at the national level, and an exceptional experience for Stephanie. Additionally, Jim Sullins, Cal-Pac's current president, was elected incoming chair for the Advisory Council at the Denver meeting. The advisory council is traditionally made up of the incoming, current, and past-president of each SRM section. The council provides direct input to the SRM Board on a variety of issues. Jim received an overwhelming majority from the members present to be chair. So, Cal-Pac has two section members in prominent positions at the national level. It is an opportunity for Cal-Pac's voice to be heard.

I want to encourage you to attend our spring meeting at Deep Springs College. We have lined up an outstanding group of speakers who will provide information on the College including the farming and ranching operations. This is a camp-out meeting, but there will be showers available, so it won't be too rustic. The college is going to provide meals to the attendees. Deep Springs is located in a very remote area of eastern California. We will have a BBQ after the technical session; it will be a fun time to visit with new and old friends alike. Attendance is limited to 50 participants, so if you want to attend don't delay registering. I hope to see many of you in Deep Springs for the spring meeting and again at the Fall Joint meeting with the Pacific Northwest Section in Lava Beds National Park in Northern, California.

Again, thanks to the membership for the opportunity to serve as Cal-Pac president. I really do appreciate the opportunity to be a part of Cal-Pac. We are a great group of natural resource professionals. My life is much better having been introduced to SRM by John Stechman way back in my Cal Poly days, and again later in life at Texas A&M. My advisors at CSU

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were instrumental in getting me even more involved in SRM. I appreciate all that SRM has done for me and the lifelong friendships that have developed because of my SRM involvement. I feel SRM is the best natural resource professional society available. I encourage the membership to become involved with committees and to run for office. I promise the more you become involved, the more you will enjoy and benefit from your membership.



Sincerely,
Rob Pearce

New Officer and Directors

By Morgan Doran

Please welcome Susan Edinger-Marshall as our new President-Elect! Susan has a long history with the California-Pacific Section not only as a very active member since 1980, but also as a past board member and section secretary. Susan is a professor specializing in wildland soils in the Department of Forestry and Wildland Resources at Humboldt State University. As President-Elect, Susan will serve on the parent society's Advisory Council with Past-President, Rob Pearce and our current President, Jim Sullins. She'll also serve as a member of Cal-Pac's board and will, in the event of absence, incapacity, resignation or death of the President; discharge the duties of that office.

We would also like to welcome Amy Peters and Susan Forbes as our two new directors who will serve on the board until 2012. Amy has been a Livestock Extension Agent for Oregon State University in Coos and Curry Counties for 15 years. Even though Amy lives and works in Oregon, she has many years of range and livestock experience in California and is actively involved in cross-state projects. Susan is a Forest Rangeland Management Specialist for the U.S. Forest Service in the Stanislaus National Forest and is based in Sonora, CA. Susan has been an SRM member since 1992 and has served as a member of the SRM Leadership Development Committee since 2001.



Susan Edinger Marshall
President-Elect



Amy Peters, Board Member
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Nominations and Recognition by National SRM Awards

By Theresa Becchetti and Holly George

April 30th is the deadline for nominations for national awards through SRM. To encourage everyone to nominate someone you know, here is a brief summary of all of the possible awards. If you need any help, please contact either Holly or Theresa, your award co-chairs.

FREDERIC G. RENNER AWARD

The Frederic G. Renner Award is the most prestigious award bestowed by the Society. The primary criterion for selection of a recipient for this award is sustained outstanding accomplishment(s) in, or continuing contribution(s) to, any aspect of range science and range management by an active and contributing member based upon an evaluation of their lifetime's work and their contributions to the Society.

W. R. CHAPLINE LAND STEWARDSHIP AWARD

The W.R. Chapline Land Stewardship Award gives special recognition to members of the Society for exceptional accomplishments and contributions in the application of the art and science of range management to specific to rangeland entities and to wildlife and domestic livestock on such lands.

W. R. CHAPLINE RESEARCH AWARD

The W.R. Chapline Research Award gives special recognition to members of the Society for exceptional and sustained research accomplishments in range science and associated disciplines, including biology, morphology, physiology, and the ecology of specific range species, ecosystems, relating plant environments, wildlife and domestic livestock on such lands.

SUSTAINED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award is presented by the Society for Range Management to members for long-term contributions to the art and science of range management and to the Society for Range Management.

NOTE: Due to the close nature of the eligibility criteria for the Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award and the Frederic G Renner and WR Chapline Awards, a nominee for any of the Renner or Chapline Awards may also be considered by the awards committee for a Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award - no new application packet is required.

FELLOW OF THE SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT

The title of Fellow is conferred upon members in recognition of exceptional service to the Society and its programs in advancing the science and art of range-related resource management. This high honor is granted in the belief that special recognition should be given for exceptional and dedicated service to the Society.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Outstanding Achievement Award is presented for outstanding achievement for eminently note-worthy contributions to the range profession to members and other qualified individuals and groups working with rangelands.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG RANGE PROFESSIONAL AWARD

The Outstanding Young Range Professional Award is presented to an individual member who has demonstrated extraordinary potential and promise as a range management professional. This award is presented as an encouragement for outstanding performance by young men and women entering the profession of range management.

EXCELLENCE IN RANGELAND MANAGEMENT AWARD

This is a poster competition for Sections honoring exemplary rangeland management and recognizes the "best of the best" from among Section Excellence in Range Management Award winners.

If any names popped into your mind while you read any of the categories, please consider nominating them. And don't forget that our own section awards nomination deadline is September 1st.

Range Camp 2010

By Marc Horney, Range Camp Director

It is drawing near to Range Camp time again. For those who are not familiar with it, Range Camp is a week-long camp experience for students ages 15-18 which the Cal-Pac section puts on to teach the science, conservation, and management of natural resources in California. Section members have been doing this for 26 years now.

Range Camp runs from June 20th-25th at the University of California's Elkus Youth Ranch just south of Half Moon Bay. Information and applications are available at <http://www.rangelands.org/casrm/HTML/rangecamps.html>. Cost is \$400.00. Most students are sponsored by local Resource Conservation Districts, Cattlemen's or Woolgrowers Associations, or other local organizations. If you know of a student who would like to participate in camp, but finances are an obstacle, please let us know.

A closing exam and evaluation given at camp is the means by which the section selects its two delegates to send to the High School Youth Forum held in conjunction with the annual SRM meeting. Next year we will be sending them to the meeting in Billings, MT, where they will be representing our section by delivering competitive presentations on rangeland management topics.

The **April 15** application deadline will likely be extended to May, but please do not wait to encourage any teens you know to apply. We could also use help getting information about the camp to local high schools, both public and private. If you have contacts in your local school districts, please help us get the word out to teachers.

If you would like to come to camp and volunteer for a day or more, just let us know. We could always use a hand!

Section History Preserved in Bound Volumes of Newsletters and Minutes of Meetings

By John V. Stechman, Section Historian

Most of our Section members may not know that our history as a Section (1950 to the present) is preserved primarily by two means: the Minutes of Board of Directors meetings, and copies of all of our newsletters. Minutes are preserved as hard copies and on CDs; newsletters are bound in one set of decadal volumes (8 ½" x 11", about 5/8" to 1" thick), 1950-1959, 1960-1969, et seq. The 2000-2009 volume (VI) will be bound early in 2010 and preserved with all other historical and archival documents and special collections of the Section.

Any questions regarding our past activities, actions, subjects considered, persons involved, procedures followed, etc. can be traced or visualized in print and in photographs from newsletters, or tracked by records of the Minutes of the Board of Directors. It is the duty of your Section Historian to satisfy inquiries.

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Deep Springs College

**CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC SECTION
2010 SPRING MEETING**

DEEP SPRINGS COLLEGE

The Spring Technical meeting will highlight the history and operation of Deep Springs College in Inyo County. Presentations will include a history of the College, student life, soils and geology of the region, endangered toads, PFC potential, and vegetation monitoring.

The field tour will provide a view of endangered toad habitat, livestock management, farm operations, solar array, petroglyphs, White Mountain City, and hydro generator.

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND!
Attendance limited to 50 people

Deep Springs College will provide camping locations and meals (donation required for meals). Those who do not want to camp may stay at a motel in Big Pine (40 minutes) or Bishop (one hour). Porta-poties will be on site at the camping area. Showers will be available on a limited basis. The College has asked that we keep all alcoholic beverages confined to the camping area.

SPRING MEETING OUTLINE

Tuesday, May 4: 2 PM - 6 PM – CalPac Board of Directors meeting

Wednesday May 5: 8 AM - 3:30 PM – Breakfast, Technical Sessions, Luncheon, and
Evening social activities and BBQ

Thursday May 6: 8 AM - 4 PM – Field Tour with boxed lunch

**The technical meeting, breakfasts, lunches, social hour, and
the BBQ are all going to be held at the College**

**Deep Springs College will provide dinner on May 4,
breakfast, lunch, and dinner on May 5, and breakfast and
lunch on May 6 for those who wish to sign up. The College
is a non-profit organization so we are asking for donations to
help cover the cost of meals.**



REGISTRATION FORM

**Society for Range Management
California-Pacific Section Spring Meeting,
Deep Springs College
May 4-6, 2010**

Name(s): _____
 Affiliation: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Affiliation (please check below)

CalPac Member ___ Nevada Member ___ Member of other SRM section ___
 Non Member ___ Student ___

<i>Number</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>
_____ Registration (members) including Lunch on May 5 donation @ \$75.00	\$ _____
_____ Registration (non members) including May 5 Lunch donation @ \$85.00	\$ _____
_____ Late Registration including May 5 Lunch donation (April 15) @ \$100.00	\$ _____
_____ Student Registration including May 5 Lunch donation @ \$40.00	\$ _____
_____ Section BBQ Donation, May 5 @ \$20.00	\$ _____
_____ Student BBQ Donation, May 5 @ \$10.00	\$ _____
_____ Thursday May 6 Field Tour (transportation and lunch donation) @ \$50.00	\$ _____
_____ Dinner donation May 4 @ \$20.00	\$ _____
_____ Breakfast donation May 5 @ \$10.00	\$ _____
_____ Breakfast donation May 6 @ \$10.00	\$ _____
Grand Total =	\$ _____

No On-line registration available for this meeting. *Please make lunch, BBQ, and tour lunch menu selections on the last page of this packet.* Make check payable to CalPac Section SRM and mail with completed registration form to:

Edie Jacobsen
 4576 New York St
 San Diego, CA 92116

You can also pre-register by e-mail at: Edith.Jacobsen@navy.mil or (619-532-4186 phone).



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Lodging options for those who do not want to camp out at the College

Lodging in Big Pine and Bishop:

BIG PINE

Big Pine Bristlecone Motel; 101 N. Main Street, Big Pine, CA (760-938-2067)
Big Pine Motel; 370 S Main Street, Big Pine, CA (790-938-2282)

BISHOP

Best Western Creekside Inn, 725 N. Main Street, Bishop (760-872-3044)
Best Western Holiday Spa; 1025 N Main St, Bishop (760-873-3543)
Bishop Thunderbird Motel, 190 W Pine St, Bishop (760-873-4215)
Holiday Inn, 636 N Main St, Bishop (760-872-2423)
Motel 6, 1005 N Main St, Bishop (760-873-8426)
Super 8 Motel, 535 S Main St, Bishop (760-872-1386)
Trees Motel, 796 W Line St, Bishop (760-873-6391)

There is now flight service to Mammoth Lakes (60 miles north of Bishop) from San Jose, Los Angeles, and Portland Ca. Contact Alaska/Horizon Air (alaskaair.com), at the time of this printing, it was about \$160 round trip from Los Angeles. Plus rental car.

MEALS

Name: _____

PLEASE CHECK WHICH MEALS YOU WOULD LIKE

<i>MEAL</i>	<i>COST</i>	<i>NUMBER</i>	<i>SUBTOTAL</i>
MAY 4 DINNER	\$20		
MAY 5 BREAKFAST	\$10		
MAY 5 LUNCH	<i>INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION</i>		
MAY 5 DINNER/BBQ	\$20		
MAY 6 BREAKFAST	\$10		
MAY 7 LUNCH	<i>INCLUDED WITH TOUR</i>		
		<i>TOTAL</i>	



**CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC SECTION
2010 SPRING MEETING**

TECHNICAL SESSION AGENDA (Subject to Change)

Signup 8 AM to 9 AM

Start at 9AM Wednesday Deep Springs

- Welcome, Jim Sullins, CalPac President (15 min)
- Welcome, CalPac Section, David Neidorf, Deep Springs College President (10 min)
- Aleta Rudeen, Society for Range Management, National Outreach and Leadership Development Coordinator (10 min)
- Tom Talbot, California Cattlemen's Association, President (15 min)
- Paul Starrs, University of Nevada, Reno, History of Deep Springs College (30 min)

Break 10:20-10:40 (20 min)

- Student (to be announced), Life on Campus (15 min)
- Glenn Harris, BLM, Innovative Land Management Approaches (30 min)
- Dawn Becker, CAF&G, Black Toad (*Bufo exsul*) (30 Min)

Lunch 11:55 - 1:00 (65 min)

Meeting Resume at 1:00

- Moderator, Jim Sullins (5 min)
- James Bartolome, University of California, Berkeley, Vegetation Monitoring on Deep Springs College. (60 min)

BREAK 2:05-2:20 (15 min)

- Sherm Swanson, University of Nevada, Reno, PFC Assessment Process (30 min)
- Yvonne Wood, UCCE, Soils and Geology of the Region (30 min)
- Lynn Huntsinger, University of California, Berkeley, American Transhumance and Global Pastoralism (30 min)
- Wrap-up, Jim Sullins

5:15 Meeting Closes

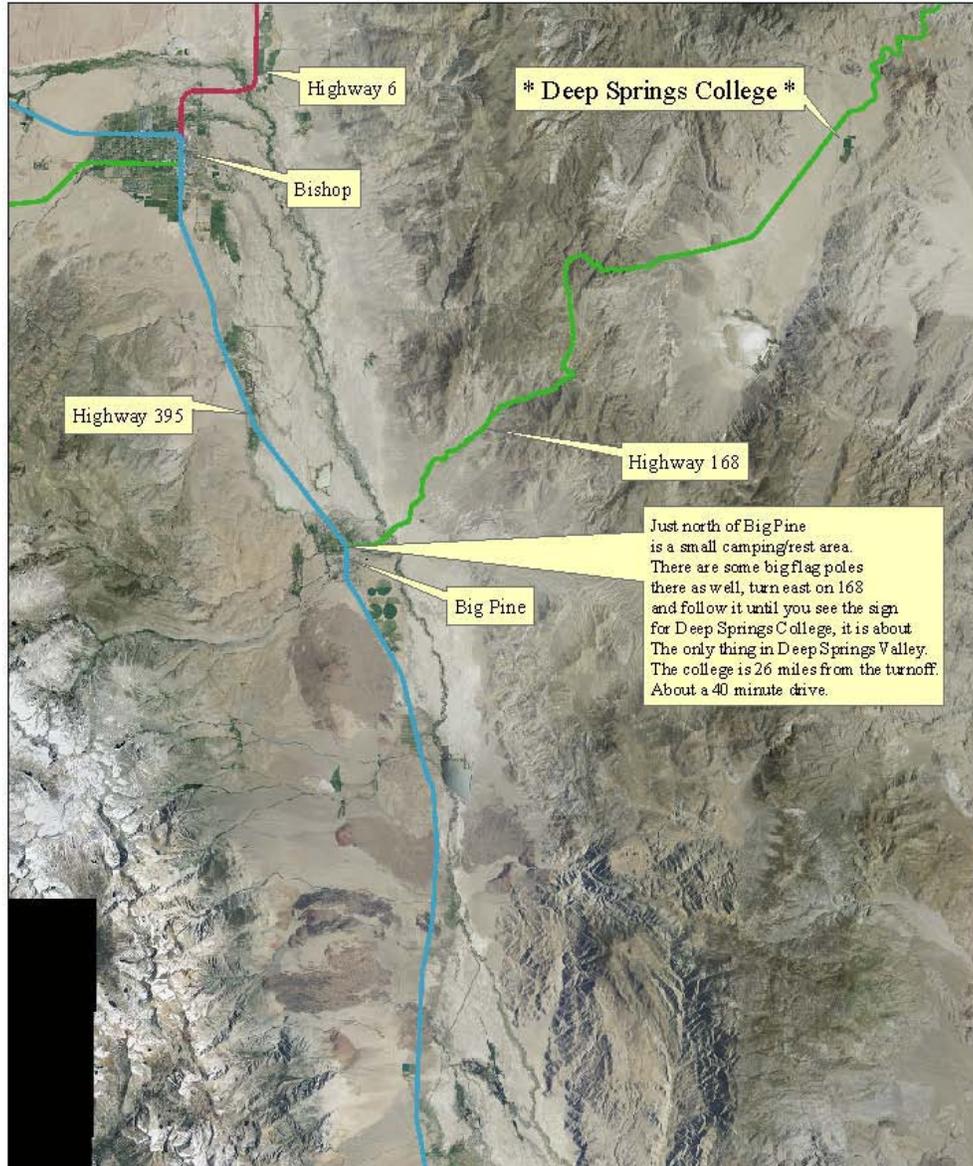
FIELD TOUR AGENDA (Subject to Change)

The spring tour will start at the Deep Springs Campus, with a tour of the college solar array and hydro plant. We will continue on for a tour of the campus facilities and farming operations. Next will be a short drive to the old abandoned White Mountain City and a small petroglyph site. We will then load up and travel to the other end of the valley to the Lake and at that location discuss livestock management for the college and look at the Black Toad Habitat. We will car pool to the sites. Lunch will be served at the lake. Our tour for the day will be Ken Mitchell, Deep Springs College Ranch Manager. Weather in May can be unpredictable so bring along some clothes for both cool and warm weather.



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2010 SPRING MEETING

Directions to Deep Springs College





Sign on Highway 395 where, turn east on 168



View towards Owens Valley from Hwy 168



Narrow one lane portion of HWY 168, enroute to Deep Spring College



Ken Mitchell and College Students. Horsemanship class.



Sign just west of college entrance, 26 miles from Big Pine



Road sign at road to college



College Entrance, 0.5 miles south of 168



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