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The logo of the Society for Range Management, Charley Russell's rendering of the "Trail Boss," symbolizes our profession to many of us. Russell manages to capture a sense of independence, professional competence and love of the outdoors in a simple pen-and-ink sketch. Despite the solitary figure of the "Trail Boss," however, our Society for Range Management increasingly relies upon important partnerships to further our mission (as well as those of our partners).

Our summer meeting is an excellent example of the power of partnerships. On June 6-8, we will join the California Native Grass Association (CNGA) in Santa Nella for a look at "Restoring and Managing Central Valley Native Grasslands." Past President John Stechman has been working with CNGA members to organize what promises to be an educational and enjoyable time in the San Joaquin Valley. Please register for this meeting today! The California-Pacific Section committee meetings and board meeting will be held on June 6 – all members are welcome to attend.

Speaking of the California-Pacific Section, we have new partners to the west of California! Our section now includes the Hawaiian Islands as well as other lands in the Pacific Basin not associated with the Australian/New Zealand Society for Range Management, the Mexican and Pacific Northwest Sections and the State of Alaska. We'll be partnering with our new members to hold a continuing education workshop in Hawaii in 2003 and our fall section meeting in 2004 – watch for more details in future issues of the *Needlegrass Notes*.

We have also partnered with the Range Management Advisory Committee to the Board of Forestry in support of Assembly Bill 1983. This legislation would provide additional funding for fire prevention through fuels management. This program would provide funding for landowners, watershed groups, resource conservation districts and other organizations to conduct hazardous fuels removal projects, and specifically mentions livestock grazing as a potential fuel management tool. For more information on this legislation, please contact Mike Connor.

Finally, our Range Camp crew is hard at work preparing for this year's camp (June 16-21). I've been working with the resource conservation districts and other partners in my area to sponsor applicants to this outstanding program, and I urge you to do the same. Range Camp is a wonderful opportunity to provide hands-on experience to students who represent the future of our profession. Your support as a member of the California-Pacific Section is vital to this program's success.

I look forward to seeing you all in Santa Nella in June!

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JOINT SRM-CNGA SPRING MEETING LOS BANOS AREA

June 5 - 8, 2002

"Restoring & Managing Central Valley Native Grasslands"
Ramada Inn, Santa Nella, California

June 6 - SRM and CNGA Organizational Meetings

10:00-12:00 Noon - Committees Meet

12:00-1:00 PM - Buffet Luncheon (tentative)

1:00-6:00 PM - Board Meetings

7:00-9:00 PM - Buffet Dinner (tentative)

June 7 - Registration, Technical Papers and Banquet

7:00-9:00 AM - Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00-12:00 Noon - History of Central Valley Grasslands

Moderator: Jim Bartolome

Speakers: James Barry, California State Parks and

Recreation,

Sacramento

Joseph Silveira, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Sacramento NWR

Patrick Kelley, Endangered Spp. Recovery Program, Fresno

Larry Saslaw, US Bureau of Land Management, Bakersfield

12:00-1:30 PM - Luncheon, SRM & CNGA Presidents

1:30-4:30 PM - Managing Central Valley Grasslands

Moderator, Dave Kelley

Speakers: James Bartolome, UC Berkeley

John Anderson, Hedgerow Farms

Jaymee Marty, TNC Consumnes River Preserve

Karen Harvey/Tim Keldsen, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Los

Banos AND:

Panel of all speakers for question-discussion.

6:00-10:00 PM - Banquet at Espana's Historic Restaurant in

Los Banos, Featured Speaker

June 8 - Field Tour, Grassland Management by USFWS and Rancho
San Felipe

6:30-7:30 AM - Breakfast Buffet at Ramada Inn

7:30-11:30 AM - Tour of San Luis NWR Complex Refuge Lands

11:30-1:00 PM - Lunch at San Felipe Ranch

1:00-3:30 PM - Tour of San Felipe Ranch and Return to points
of Origin

See registration form for special rates on room reservations.



The CALPAC Section - SRM and the
California Native Grass Association

Announce a Joint Meeting

(CALPAC - SRM Spring Meeting and CNGA Annual Meeting)

June 6 - 8, 2002

Mission de Oro Convention Center at the Ramada Inn, Santa Nella, CA
(Intersection of Interstate 5 and Hwy 33)



California Native Grass
Association

“Restoring and Managing Central Valley Native Grasslands”

Thursday, June 6 - **Committee and Board meetings for CALPAC Section - SRM and CNGA**

Friday, June 7 - **Technical Sessions and Membership Banquet**

- 7:00-9:00 AM - Registration and Continental Breakfast (included in registration fee)
- 9:00-12:00 Noon - History of Central Valley Grasslands
- 12:00-1:30 - Luncheon, SRM & CNGA Presidents (included in registration fee)
- 1:30-4:30 - Managing Central Valley Grasslands
- 6:00-10:00 PM - Banquet at Espana's Historic Restaurant in Los Banos, Featured Speaker
(Priced separately on registration)

Saturday June 8 - **Field trips 7:30 am to 1:30 pm** (Priced separately on registration)

San Felipe Ranch

San Felipe Ranch has shown for the past six years that a profitable ranch in the Central Valley can co-exist with and enhance wildlife habitat while protecting surface water from degradation. The main watercourse on the ranch, which years ago had been straightened and used as a canal, has been recontoured to its original meander pattern. In addition, numerous ponds have been created. Areas adjacent to the riparian and wetland areas have been successfully planted with native grasses, graminoids, shrubs, and trees.

Although cattle previously grazed adjacent to streams, they are now excluded from all riparian areas. Grazing management practices utilize flash grazing and quick rotation between irrigated pastures.

Tour participants will be given a map and directions to the ranch and should arrive by 8:30 am. While on the ranch, car- and van-pooling will be necessary. Tour highlights will include pasture and grazing management practices and successful native plantings. A box lunch will be served at the end of the tour, with time allowed for questions, answers, and discussion.

San Luis National Wildlife Refuge

This 26,000 acre Refuge, including more than 17,000 acres of grasslands, contains some of the best examples of native grassland communities remaining in the Northern San Joaquin Valley. Discussion during the field trip will focus on how grazing, prescribed fire, and restoration projects are utilized to enhance and maintain native plant diversity and wildlife habitat.

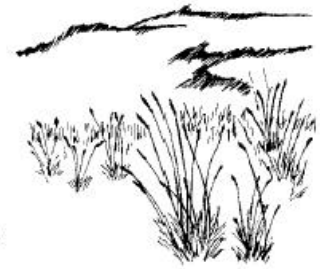
This tour will be by bus, leaving Mission de Oro at 7:45 am. Tour stops on the Refuge will explore valley grassland, alkali grassland and alkali sink. At restoration project sites we will see how alkali sacaton plug planting and creeping wildrye seeding is helping to convert agricultural fields and pastures into native grassland communities. We will view the area considered for reintroduction of black-tailed deer, perhaps sight a few resident tule elk and enjoy other members of the wildlife community. Box lunch is included on the tour. Tour bus is scheduled to return to Mission de Oro at or before 1:30 pm.

Hotel Accomodations - Ramada Inn- Mission De Oro

Annual meeting registrants should make hotel reservations directly with the hotel and are eligible for conference rates from Wednesday through Sunday. Guaranteed rates are \$49.95 for a king or a double queen room and \$59.95 for an upgrade king room. Each upgrade room is slightly different and should be discussed at the time of reservations. Make reservations by calling 209.826.4444 and mention California Native Grass Association or Society for Range Management.



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June 6 - 8, 2002



California Native Grass
 Association

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Registration form

Registrant Name(s): _____

Check the most appropriate: Member of SRM Member of CNGA Member of both Member of neither

Address _____

City _____ State _____ & Zip _____

Phone day: _____ Phone evening: _____ email _____

Companion's name(s): _____

Registration may be filed by mail, FAX or email (If registration is sent by email, charges will be collected at the conference with no additional on-site charges. However, your email will be considered a promise to pay and you will be billed if you are not able to attend the sessions. Email all registration information to admin@cnga.org)

Payment may be by check or credit card. (Credit card charges must be sent by mail or by FAX. For your financial security, credit card information must not be sent in email.)

Advance Registration must be post marked by May 20 or emailed or FAXed before noon on May 22. There will be an additional charge for on-site registration of 25% of total registration fees. On-site registration is subject to space availability.

Registration fee (Continental breakfast, buffet lunch and technical sessions on Friday) \$80 x _____ = \$ _____

Companion fee (Continental breakfast, buffet lunch on Friday) \$30 x _____ = \$ _____

Banquet at Espana's Friday, June 8 \$25 x _____ = \$ _____

Field trip, Saturday, June 9, 7:30 am to 1:30 pm (Each tour has a 'cap' of 30 participants.)

San Felipe Ranch \$30 x _____ = \$ _____

San Luis NWR \$40 x _____ = \$ _____

CALPAC Section - SRM Membership forms will be available at the registration desk.

CNGA Membership new or renewal (please circle one) \$ 35.00

Total included or promised to pay \$ _____

If paying by check, please include check number _____

Mail registration and check or credit card information to California Native Grass Association
 Postmarked on or before May 20, 2002 P.O. Box 72405
 Davis, CA 95617

Email registration information with promise to pay to << admin@cnga.org >> on or before noon of May 22, 2002.

Fax this form using credit card to 530.753.1553 on or before noon of May 22, 2002 - no cover page needed.

Credit card (please circle one) Visa MasterCard American Express

Card number _____ expiration date _____

Authorized signature _____



In Memorium ***Alfred H. Murphy***

Submitted by John Stechman

Alfred H. Murphy, a range and forestry specialist who served as the superintendent of the University of California's 5,300-acre field station in Hopland from its inception in 1951 until his retirement in 1986, died Saturday, December 22, 2001 in Georgia. He was 83.

Family members said the cause of death was cancer. He had been in failing health for the past several months.

"Al Murphy was a man of integrity who really believed in conserving and preserving natural resources. He was very protective of this property and didn't want to see the landscape change in way that would degrade the land's resource values," said Robert Timm, who succeeded Murphy as the superintendent of the Hopland Field Station. Murphy and Timm have been the only two superintendents in the Hopland Field Station's 50-year history.

Located east of Hopland, which straddles Highway 101 between Cloverdale and Ukiah, the station is an outdoor laboratory at which University of California researchers investigate problems related to use and conservation of California's 30 million acres of rangelands. Over the years, the field station has been the site of studies on water and wildlife management, rangeland sheep production, coyote-control methods and other rangeland research that generated 1,100 published reports.

Murphy, an authority on range management, was well known in scientific circles for his research in weed control and conversion of brush land to grazing land. He published more than 50 scientific papers on his work during a lifetime devoted to management of natural resources, particularly rangeland improvement and brushland conversion. He received the Range Improvement Award from the California Seed Association in 1966. In 1974 he traveled to Moscow to present his research findings at the International Grassland Congress.

Al Murphy was a charter member of the California Section of SRM (1950). He served as Program Chair in 1955, Council (Board) member in 1962-63, and was elected to serve as President for 1971.

A former Marine, Murphy is remembered for the authoritative, take-charge manner he used in running the field station and implementing the research protocol still used today. He's also responsible for negotiations that added nearly 1,000 acres to the station. He was credited with establishing the station's herbarium, which includes an extensive collection of native plant specimens from throughout Northern California.

A native of Stockton, Murphy studied at the University of California, Berkeley, the University of Idaho and Oregon State University, earning his B.S. in Forestry in 1941. During World War II, he joined the Marine Corps, serving in the Solomon Islands, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Okinawa and China.

Before becoming the superintendent of the Hopland Field Station, Murphy worked for the University of California as a range specialist in Humboldt County from 1946-1951. There he devoted much of his time to controlling the Klamath weed for which he received an award from the Humboldt County Woolgrowers Association.

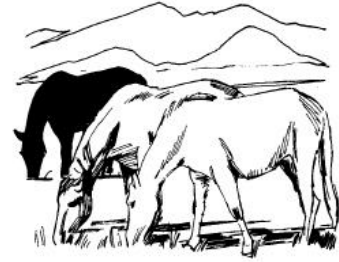
He and his family lived on the field station during the 35 years he served as its superintendent. After he retiring in October of 1986, the Murphys moved to Healdsburg, where he enjoyed gardening, fishing and travel. Murphy's wife of 52 years, Kathleen Fitzpatrick Murphy, died in 2000, after which Mr. Murphy moved to Georgia to be near his daughter.

Al is survived by two daughters, Margaret M. Baron of Cartersville, Ga., and Patricia A. Murphy of Ames, Iowa; his brother, Daniel W. Murphy of Moraga; and a granddaughter.

Volunteers are needed!!

ANNOUNCING:

18TH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA RANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP



**JUNE 16-21, 2002 ELKUS YOUTH RANCH
HALF MOON BAY, CALIFORNIA**

A camp for people 15-18 years old.
Sessions and Activities include:



Trail Boss

- Riparian Watershed Management
- Rangeland Management
- Wildlife Management
- Field Projects
- Forestry
- Careers
- Recreation
- Private & Public Lands
- Rangeland-Urban Interface
- Tour of Operating Ranch
- Mock Town Council Meeting

Awards Available

The top three campers are eligible to attend the High School Youth Forum in Casper, Wyoming in February 2003

Sponsored By:

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U.C. Cooperative Extension
California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD's)
Host District – San Mateo County RCD
East Bay Municipal Utility District
U.S. Navy – Natural Resources Program
Natural Resources Conservation Service



For more information contact:

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Range Camp is fast approaching this year. Camp will be June 16 - 21 at the Elkus Ranch in Half Moon Bay. If you know of any potential campers please ask them to submit an application right away. Campers are accepted on a first come first serve basis but we ask that you send individuals that are interested in resource management. Volunteers are needed to help at camp. It is a great opportunity to inspire the next generation of resource managers. Please contact Edie Jacobsen at 619-532-3618 or email jacobsenea@efdswn.navy.mil if you are interested in volunteering.

Were you at Kansas City? See who was...

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Leonard Jolley, NRCS-CA

Royce Larsen, UCCE

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Newsletter Deadline

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UPCOMING SRM EVENTS – MARK THOSE CALENDARS NOW!!!
SPRING MEETING: June 5 -8, 2002 – Los Banos, California (See Article & Registration Form).
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Friday, June 14, 2002 - E-mail to cynthiamhorney@aol.com.
RANGE CAMP: June 16 -21, 2002 – Half Moon Bay, California (See Article).
FALL MEETING: November 6 -8, 2002 – Coalinga, California.
SRM SUMMER MEETING: August 12 -15, 2002 – Flagstaff, Arizona.
SRM 56TH ANNUAL MEETING: February 1 -7, 2003 – Casper, Wyoming.

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