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President's Message

MitchPerdue

First, a special thank you to Orrin Sage, Royce Larson and Edie Jacobsen for hosting a great meeting at Hearst Castle. Cal-Pac was the first group to hold a meeting at the new conference center.

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Bay Area Grasslands Management Conference. The conference was hosted by the California Grazing Lands Coalition, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts and the Natural Resources Conservation Service and was attended by producers, landowners, resource agencies, academia, and other interested parties.

Although the conference title was simply Grasslands Management, two exciting observations quickly became evident: the vast number of young professionals and students, and the lively discussion of grazing objectives and operator realities. But, the most exciting revelation was that Cal-Pac members were the one common thread throughout all of the attendees, from organizers to presenters to participants.

This observation caused

me to think about a conversation with Bill Frost, Edie Jacobsen and Dawn Lawson some 15 years earlier. At the time the Society seemed to be struggling with an identity crisis. Were we pure academia, an agency extension or a grazing advocacy group? Whichever, none of them seemed very current with the times that were a buzz with multispecies conservation planning and grazing restrictions from threatened and endangered species. About this time Bill, was mumbling something about the "Progressive Wing" of the Society. Although I really don't know what he meant, I do know that it sounded interesting enough to keep me participating in the Society to this day. During this time we have evolved into a dynamic and diverse Society that has a professional registration for its members, expanded boundaries to include the south pacific, we've hosted an international meeting in Hawaii, and we actively seek out partnerships with others societies and conservancies.

The recent Grassland Conference was a wonderful reminder of how the vision

and hard work of our members over the past years have made Cal-Pac a truly "progressive" society. Our identity of being a leading academic voice with active managers and producers is firmly intact. After considerable effort from the past leadership, the Strategic Plan is in place and ready for implementation. With exciting meetings coming up in Sonoma, Arcata and Catalina Island, we have plenty of incentive for participation. Please carve out some time from your busy schedules to help kickoff the next 15 years of rangeland management in California and next time you see a recent graduate or young professional at a meeting feel free to mumble something about the "Progressive Wing!"

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New Officers

Congratulations to the new 2006 Officers. Royce Larson (San Luis Obispo, CA) is your new Preident Elect and Joe May (Kamuela, HI) and Donna Reed (Bishop, CA) are your new Directors. A special thank you to all the candidates this year! We look forward to your continued participation in the Society.

What's Goin' On?

Your officers, directors and committee chairs have been hard at work for our membership. Below are some of the activities taking place.

Strategic Plan Implementation - Officers Perdue and Kelley will present new language for the, *Cal-Pac Section Handbook and Guidelines for Officers and Committees*, at the Fall meeting to designate President Elect as Chair of Strategic Plan Implementation Committee. The Board will encourage committee chairs to meet with their committees prior to the fall meeting.

GLCI - President-Elect Dave Kelly is currently acting as Section liaison.

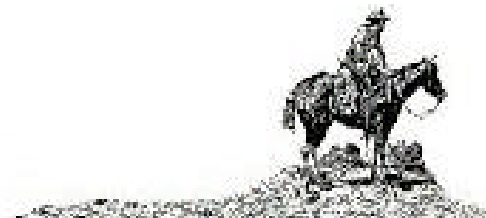
Range Manager of the Year Nominations - Chairwoman Holly George encouraged membership to submit nominations, as soon as possible.

Election for Board Directors and President - Ballots were tabulated and certified and the results announced in the above article. Special thanks were given to those "throwing your hat in the ring!"

Information and Education Co-Chairwoman Sheila Berry presented a proposal to sponsor a symposium at the Society for Conservation Biology Meeting in June, 2006. Stay tuned for more

Committee Chairs

Please be prepared to meet with you committee members and report at the Board of Directors Meeting at the Marconi Conference Center.



information.

Fall Meeting Update - Please see the agenda and registration materials in this newsletter. Please plan to attend!

Cal-Pac Poster - Committee Member Mike Stroud arranged to send our Information Poster to Hawaii for the GLCI meetings. Special thanks to Mike for making the arrangements.

Interim Audit - President-Elect Dave Kelly will coordinate the audit at our Fall meeting.

(edited from August 17, 2005 Board of Directors Draft Meeting Minutes)

CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC SECTION, SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT

CAL-PAC SECTION - SRM MEMBERS
INTERESTED NATURAL RESOURCE PROFESSIONALS
OTHERS PERSONS INTERESTED IN NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES

The Cal-Pac Section-SRM Fall Meeting registration is now available. Please complete the Registration Form and send along with your payment as soon as possible. There are limited accommodations. The meeting schedule is presented below.

CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC SECTION, SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT Fall Meeting & Field Tour MANAGING OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS IN WORKING LANDSCAPES The Marconi Center, near Marshall, CA in Marin County November 2 - 4, 2005

November 2 (pm)

3:00 - 6:00 **Board of Director's meeting (Section Committees meet)**
6:30 - 7:30 Dinner for entire group
7:30 - 9:30 **Board of Directors meeting continued (Committees report)**

November 3 (am)

7:00 **Breakfast**

GENERAL SESSION

8:00 **Opening Remarks & Master of Ceremonies**
Jon Gustafson, NRCS, State Rangeland Management Specialist

8:15 - 9:00 **History of livestock grazing in Marin County**
Dewey Livingston, Marin County Historian

9:00 - 9:30 **Livestock Agriculture and its Current Importance in
Marin County**
Steve Kinsey, 4th District Supervisor

9:30 - 10:00 **The Role of MALT in Rangeland Management**
Bob Berner, Executive Director
Tony Nelson, Rangeland Steward

10:00 - 10:15 **Break**

10:15 - 10:45 **Point Reyes National Seashore-Balancing (Public vs. Private)**
Don Neubacher, Superintendent PRNS

10:45 - 11:15 **Point Reyes Seashore Ranchers Association (PRSRA):
Working Together**
Kevin Lunny, PRSRA Steering Committee

11:00 - 11:45 **National Grazing Lands Coalition Update and CRM National
Certification Update**
Leonard Jolly GLCI

11:45 - 1:00 **Lunch & SRM Business Meeting**

CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC SECTION, SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT

November 3 (pm)

- 1:00 – 2:30 **Walking Tour**
Endemic and Native Plants of West Marin Rangelands
Lisa Bush, Rangeland Consultant
Applied Conservation in the Working Landscape
Marcia Barinaga, Ranch Owner
Jessica Sternfels, Petaluma, NRCS
- 2:30 – 3:00 **Break**
- 3:00 – 3:45 **Permit Coordination: Process and Progress**
Nancy Scolari, District Manager, Marin County RCD
Permitting through Public Agencies
Leslie Ferguson, Bay Area Reg. Water Qual. Control Board
- 3:45 – 5:00 **Future of Rangelands with Public Agency Constraints**
Panel: Charlette Epifanio, NRCS
 Sally Gale, Marin RCD
 David Lewis, UCCE
 Becky Tuden, Regional WQCB
- 5:30 – 6:30 **Networking Social & Silent Auction**
- 6:30 – 9:30 **Banquet and Live Auction**

November 4

- 7:00 **Breakfast and lodging check-out**
- TOUR - POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE**
- 9:30 **Start at Visitors Center**
Charlette & Kristan, Tour Leaders
- 10:00-11:00 **Tule Elk Range Site**
- 11:00- 12:00 **Dave Evans**
- 12:00-1:00 **Lunny Ranch**
- 1:00 – 2:00 **Lunch (Visitor Center)**
- 2:00-3:00 **Stewarts**
- 3:00 **Tour Ends**

REGISTRATION FORM

Society for Range Management -- California-Pacific Section Annual Meeting,
Marconi Conference Center, CSPS, Marshall, CA
November 2 – 4, 2005

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

<i>Number</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>
_____ Meeting Registration @ \$25.00	_____
_____ Late Registration (after Oct. 28th) @ \$50.00	_____
_____ Student Registration @ \$12.50 (anytime)	_____
_____ MEETING PACKAGE admission, lodging & meals inclusive @ \$280.00	_____
_____ DAY #1 (WED) admission and dinner only @ \$40.00	_____
_____ DAY #2 (THUR) admission and lunch only @ \$30.00	_____
_____ DAY #2 (THUR) admission, lunch & dinner only @ \$55.00	_____
_____ DAY #2 (THUR) admission & dinner only (auction) @ \$40.00	_____
_____ DAY #3 (FRI) Field Tour only with lunch @ \$15.00	_____
	<i>Grand Total =</i> _____

Note: No On-line registration available for this meeting. Lodging & meal plan is inclusive.
Make check payable to CALPAC Section SRM and mail with completed registration form to:
K.O. Fulgham, Treasurer
CALPAC Section SRM
P.O. Box 383 **DEADLINE IS 5 PM ON OCTOBER 21, 2005!!!!**
Arcata, CA. 95518-0383

MEALS: The Marconi Conference Center, located just out of Marshall, CA is a property of the CA State Parks System. Their 24-hour “booking clock” starts with Check-In at 3 PM on the opening day, followed by dinner, lodging, breakfast, and lunch the next day. Then the 24-hour “booking clock” begins again. Therefore, the MEETING PACKAGE will be a 48-hour period from 3 PM on Wednesday through the field tour lunch on Friday. Departure on the Tour at 9:30 AM on Friday will necessitate prior Check-Out from your lodging. Daily admission will not include any lodging as noted above in the registration form.

LODGING: The Marconi Conference Center offers lodging, meals and meeting facilities as an inclusive package. It encompasses 62 wooded acres overlooking Tomales Bay. The CALPAC Section – SRM has pre-purchased lodging and meals for 60 guests for two days and roommate assignments will be made at the time of registration. Please see the next page to select your accommodations and name your roommates. Please send the lodging form along with your registration and check. All reservations and lodging/meal assignments are on a first-

come, first-served basis. Daily admission (no meals) is \$12.00. See: <http://www.MarconiConference.org>

ROOMING SITUATION: The CALPAC Section – SRM has pre-purchased a minimum of 60 person-spots with the following accommodations under the American Plan which includes dinner, bedding, breakfast, and lunch for the MEETING PACKAGE (see above about the “booking clock” for The Marconi Conference Center). The reserved rooming arrangements will allow up to 65 persons if there are enough individuals willing to be 3 to a room in Category #1 below. The absolute maximum person-spots on the American Plan are 81 people.

1. There are 7 rooms with 3 twin beds for either 2 or 3 persons
2. There are 15 rooms with 2 twin beds for only 2 persons
3. There are 6 rooms with 1 queen bed for 2 persons
4. There is 1 room with 1 queen bed & 1 twin bed for 2 or 3 persons
5. There is 1 deluxe room with a queen bed and kitchenette for the President’s Suite and reserved for President Perdue and entourage.

Please indicate below your rooming selection, roommates, and alternative choice. Couples have priority for the queen bed categories (#3 and #4) above.

Alternative lodging is available in Petaluma and there are some nearby B&B accommodations. See the WEB for western Marin County. Remember—the CALPAC Section – SRM has already pre-paid for the minimum of 60 person-spots on the American Plan, so filling those 60 person-spots is necessary for the meeting to not lose money.

Contact Ken by e-mail if you have any questions (fulghamk@humboldt.edu)

PLEASE BRING ANNUAL AUCTION ITEMS!!!!

MARCONI CONFERENCE CENTER

Marshall, California

Once the site of Guglielmo Marconi's trans-Pacific wireless station (1913-1920), today's Marconi Conference Center offers contemporary accommodations, tasty meals and professional meeting facilities in a unique setting. The 62-acre California State Historic Park overlooks Tomales Bay, 48 miles northwest of San Francisco on the spectacular Marin Coast.



The Marconi Conference Center & State Historic Park has a rich human history that dates back thousands of years. From the pre-historic villages of the Coastal Miwok to the farming communities of today, the Tomales Bay ecosystem has supported the livelihoods of thousands of people. However, Tomales Bay has maintained its pristine waters and rural charms. A complete Marconi History can be found at <http://www.marconiconference.org/history.htm>.



The 2005 Fall Meeting of the Cal-Pac Section - Society of Range Management will take the history of Tomales Bay and move it forward, exploring the management opportunities and constraints in these working landscapes. This will be an excellent opportunity for professional rangeland managers to share experiences on managing private and public lands in ever changing environments.

The Cal-Pac Section-SRM has pre-purchased 60 person-spots at the Marconi Conference Center as explained on the Registration Form. The room situation at the Marconi Conference Center will be based on shared opportunities. There are double and triple guest rooms available. If you have certain individuals that you wish to room with, please indicate it on the reservation form. If no specific requests are made, you will be assigned to a room with others. If you have questions, contact Ken Fulgham (fulghamk@humboldt.edu)

DIRECTIONS: The Marconi Conference Center is located just south of Marshall, CA which is located on Highway 1 between Point Reyes Station and Tomales. You will turn towards the east from Highway 1 at the sign. Directions are at <http://www.MarconiConference.org> or by other Internet sources on travel directions.

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