



California Section of the Society for Range Management

Newsletter

“Advancing the Science & Art of Rangeland Management”

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September

2001

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Message from our President

This past June for one day and night I attended our Section's range camp which is held each year at the Elkus Youth Ranch near Half Moon Bay. What a great facility, what a fine faculty and staff, and I was impressed by the kind of high school youth enrolled. Edie Jacobsen, Mitch Perdue (and his mother, Pat, the cook), Cynthia Mallett, Rod Mutton, Robbin Aguiniga, and many others, including speakers from our Section membership, really made the six-day camp instructional, enjoyable and successful. I was honored to present a brief talk and present awards to top campers.

July 18-20, our SRM held its Annual Summer Meeting and tour in Elko, Nevada; I attended representing our Section to the Advisory Council and Board joint meeting. Two other California Section members were among about 80 persons attending: Scott Lusk (USFS, Plumas) and Dave Kelley (Consultant, Davis); each are on SRM committees which met (of course, there were a number of California-Nevada dual members there, too.) You will read highlights of the Board meeting in Trail Boss News, but certainly of interest to us is our Section name change to California-Pacific, the inclusion of four Hawaiians and one Japanese in our Section, and eventual formation of a Hawaii Chapter. All of this upon my presentation was received with interest, enthusiasm and discussion by the Board and Advisory Council and given the go-ahead, but will not be officially approved until we specifically delineate our new (Pacific) boundaries. I am working to see this done, as will Dan Macon, President-to-be in November. The SRM name change issue was not addressed, but section Presidents have been encouraged to seek opinions of their members. Please express yourself on the straw vote-survey when you send in your enclosed ballot: consider the difference in connotation between “Range” and “Rangeland” to SRM members, to the agricultural and natural resources community, and to our citizen and political public.

Please notice and preserve the Section member list mailed with this newsletter, the first since early 1999, and the articles explaining this list and Section membership in this issue. A lot of work went into this reformatted list by SRM, myself, and my wife (Dottie), and it is now on an editable data base. Our

Membership Chair, Kent Reeves, and his committee will, along with a newly appointed Newsletter Editor for 2002, handle membership.

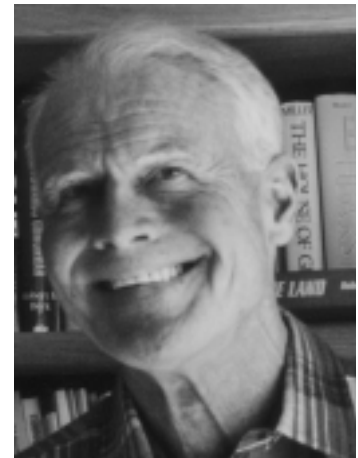
Our Past President and Meetings Chair, Ceci Dale-Cesmat, has planned our next (November) Annual Fall meeting and tour for Hollister, California; details are given in this newsletter, pages 2-3. The Registration Form is on page 17. Planning for the Spring meeting and tour, scheduled for June 6-8, 2002, is already well underway, thanks to our joint sponsor, California Native Grass Association. It will be held at the Ramada Inn in Santa Nella. I will be attempting to collaborate with the Wildlife Society for a joint meeting in November, 2002.

I was saddened as many of you were, to read of the death May 1, 2001 of Les Berry, former UCCE Range Specialist at Davis. Les was a friend and mentor to a lot of us in the 1950's-1970s and a very active Section member; his biography as a California Rangeland Management Pioneer was featured in the July, 1996 edition of Needlegrass Notes.

To those who accepted candidacy for our elected offices for 2002 (see pg. 14), I offer my thanks, and thanks from the Board, and Leonard Jolley, Nominations Chair. Please exercise your duty and privilege by voting for our Section officers and the change of bylaws on the enclosed ballot. And, very importantly, when you mark your ballot for Directors of the SRM parent society, be sure you vote for Mike Stroud of California Section; most of all please vote — do it, vote!

Finally, I give my appreciation to our Officers, Board, Committee Chairs and certain others for helping me through my year as President; it has been hectic but rewarding.

--John Stechman



Ranching & Range Management in the 21st Century & Beyond

California Section Fall Annual Fall Meeting

November 1st– 3rd
Ridgemark Golf & Country Club, Hollister Ca
All are welcome

Thursday, November 1, 2001

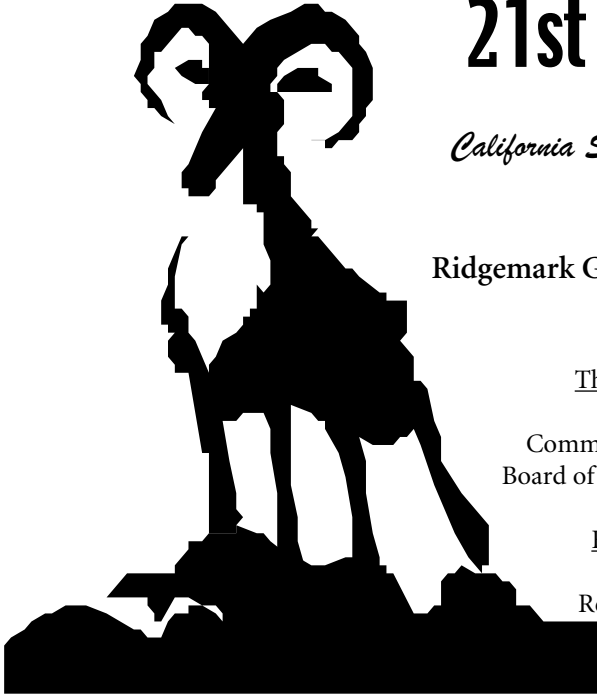
Committee Meetings 10:00 –12:00 pm
Board of Directors Meeting 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Friday, November 2, 2001

Registration 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome SRM

Registration Form on page 17



Mark Horney – Remote Sensing on Rangelands

**Using Goats as a Vegetation Management Tool –
Sheila Barry & Wolfgang Petroff**

Lunch & Business Meeting 12:00 – 2:00

Panel Discussion

“CHANGING TIMES REQUIRE CHANGING MANAGEMENT”

2:00 – 5:00

Jack Varian - Rancher
Darrell Sweet – Sparrowk Livestock- Manager
Chuck Prichard – Rancher, GLCI President
Darrell Wood, Western Ranchers Beef – Natural Beef Producer

6 PM: Evening Social and Silent Auction; 7 PM: Banquet and Awards Ceremony

Saturday, November 3, 2001

Tour of the T.O. Cattle Company--Hollister

8:00 – 2:00 pm

Lunch – Morris Grassfed Beef Burgers



Ridgemark Golf & Country Club

3800 Airline Highway, Hollister, CA 95023 — (800) 637-8151 or
(831) 637-8151

eMail: rgcc@ridgemark.com — Internet: www.ridgemark.com

It's a short drive to Ridgemark where you can make your "long drive(s)" on the course.

•45 minutes south of San Jose

•40 minutes from the Monterey & Carmel Peninsula areas

The summers are warm, the winters mild. Thanks to a sheltering natural terrain, the weather in San Benito County is inviting year round. The Gabilan Range on the western border creates a buffer that prevents most coastal fogs, while the Pajaro Pass allows cool ocean breezes from the north.

To the east, the Diablo Range shields the area from the hot dry air of the San Joaquin Valley.

The location also provides dozens of nearby opportunities for recreation: Ridgemark is only 15 minutes from the historic San Juan Bautista, where the history of the West comes alive. A definite "must see" is the Mission of San Juan Bautista. You will think you are



going back in time as you browse through the many restored buildings of this charming Old West town.

Also close-by, with its spectacular spires and crags, is the Pinnacles National Monument. It's also just a 45 minute drive away to Monterey Bay, where you can go fishing or sight-seeing or take a leisurely stroll along the beach at Carmel.

Only 20 minutes away is the Gilroy Outlet Center (featuring many name-brand and designer outlet stores, for quality items at discounted prices). Even closer, only two miles away, is Hollister's charming downtown area.



SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The member list for our Section is enclosed in this newsletter. It lists 249 persons, including 25 dual section members, and was developed from various periodic lists originating from the SRM main office in Lakewood, Colorado for the period July, 2000 to July 2001. It includes active, paid-up members, and for purpose of contact, persons who have let their membership expire (26 designated by a D for delinquent up to 12 months). This roster is intended to promote and facilitate communication among our members, and mailing of our newsletter.

This roster is published from a Microsoft Access data base (.mdb) (John Stechman) which includes 14 data items, many generated by the Section. Not published in this roster, but available on the data base, are membership expiration dates and separate columns for First and Last names to facilitate mailing label and mail merge tasks. Microsoft Word (.doc) and Microsoft Excel (.xls) versions are also available from. In addition to data for Address, Phone number and E-mail on the list, you will find data for:

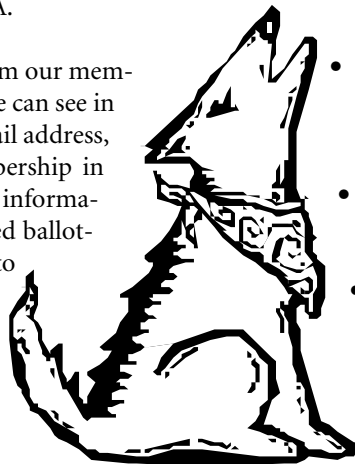
Employer: Occupation listed after member name.

Type: Membership Type
A = Associate L = Lifetime
D = Delinquent R = Regular
E = Emeritus S = Student
F = Family -d = Dual Sections

Cert: Cap letters of one or two certifications earned in SRM, e.g. CRM, CPRM, or other organizations, e.g. RPF, CWB.

Affl: Cap letters of one or two organizations other than SRM to which member belongs, e.g. SWCS, SAF, TNC, CNGA.

Much data needs to be yet solicited from our members for correction and addition, as one can see in examining the list, particularly for Email address, Certifications, and Affiliations (membership in other organizations). Please check the information given for you, and, on the enclosed ballot-survey form, fill in applicable facts to correctly represent your data.



Society for Range Management – California Section



Excellence in Range Management Award

Nomination Form

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Deadline for submitting nominations is October 10.

Send nominations to: Dan Macon, 11515 Joeger Rd., Auburn, CA 95602

Fax: 530/885-9169

Email: dmacon@pacbell.net

Criteria for selection include:

- Consideration of nominee's stewardship of rangeland as demonstrated by sustainable productivity of natural forage, livestock, wildlife habitat, water quality, protection of riparian habitats, production of other commodities, and aesthetic values;
- Contributions toward rangeland advancement off the ranch, including association work and training activities that encourage proper management;
- Improvements made in overall efficiency of the production unit; and
- The manager's ability to develop creative solutions to rangeland management challenges.

UC research symposium to take in-depth look at health of California oaks

SAN DIEGO — A major University of California research symposium on California oaks will be held Oct. 23-25 at the Bahai Resort Hotel in San Diego.

“Oaks in California’s Changing Landscape” will showcase nearly 80 papers on the latest research into oaks and oak woodland ecology. A special general session on sudden oak death will be held. The other papers will be organized into concurrent sessions on oak woodland ecology, oak restoration, wildlife relations, oak conservation policy, urban forestry, grazing relations, fire relations, damaging agents, genetics and monitoring.

“We are expecting a large audience of public and private interest groups, natural resource managers, landowners, scientists, and policy makers,” said Rick Standiford, director of the Center for Forestry at UC Berkeley. “This conference will lay the scientific, technical and policy groundwork for future oak woodland conservation initiatives and sustainable management approaches.”

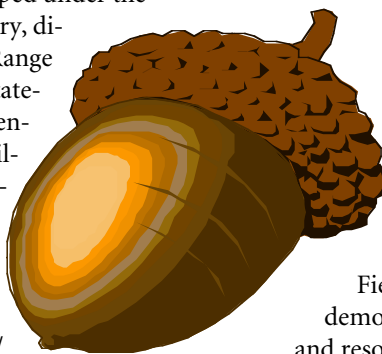
The symposium has been developed under the guidance of Standiford and Doug McCreary, director of the UC Integrated Hardwood Range Management Program (IHRMP). This state-wide program was established in 1986 to ensure the sustainability of California’s 10 million acres of hardwood rangelands, predominantly oak woodlands.

Complete details on the conference, the program, the paper abstracts, and registration forms for the conference and the hotel are available online at <http://danr.ucop.edu/ihrmp/symposium.html>. In order to secure special conference room rates at the Bahia, reservations must be made by Sept. 16.

This will be the fifth such California oaks conference, which began in 1979 with a symposium titled “Ecology, Management, and Utilization of California Oak” at Scripps College in Claremont. Since then, there have been three additional woodland symposia — two on the campus of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and one at UC Davis.

The proceedings of each of these meetings have been published as general technical reports by the U.S. Forest Service. These documents are a rich source of information about a wide range of subjects on oak ecology, woodland restoration, wildlife habitat, range and livestock relations, damaging agents and protection, and economics, policy and planning.

For registration information on the October conference, contact Joni Rippee (510-642-0095; ripee@nature.berkeley.edu). For information on program content, contact Standiford (510-643-5428, standifo@nature.berkeley.edu) or McCreary (530-639-8807, ddmccreary@ucdavis.edu). —John Stumbos



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

FARM ADVISOR – LIVESTOCK & /NATURAL RESOURCES

Stanislaus County (Cross county assignment to San Joaquin County)

#ACV 01-07

The UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES, COOPERATIVE EXTENSION is seeking a career-track academic candidate to address the research & educational needs for livestock (cattle & calves, sheep & wool, swine) producers and allied industries in Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties. Conduct a viable Extension education and on-farm applied research program in livestock and natural resources management. Provide local leadership for the entire range of production efficiency, irrigated pasture and range management, environmental stewardship, and meat quality and safety management. Assure outreach and diversity efforts in development and delivery of programs. Requires a minimum of a Master’s Degree in animal science, range management, ecology or watershed management, or closely related disciplines.

Field experience is highly desired along with a demonstrated knowledge of market development and resource management. The ability to obtain a California Certified Range Manager License is required.

Beginning salary in the CE Assistant Advisor rank (\$38,500-\$42,400). **For complete Position Vacancy Announcement and required application, visit our Internet site: <http://cvr.ucdavis.edu> or contact: Sandi Gumber-Bach, UC Cooperative Extension Central Valley Region, 9240 S. Riverbend Ave., Parlier, CA 93648; email: sgumberbach@uckac.edu or call (559) 646-6543. For full consideration, complete application packets must be received by October 31, 2001. Open until filled. Refer to position #ACV 01-07. AA/EOE.**

Message from Newsletter Editor

Your letters and contributions always welcome. Direct input to: buckaroo@nature.berkeley.edu.

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Hard copy documents and photos will NOT be returned, because they will join a parallel, yet inaccessible, universe, like most of the things I really really need..

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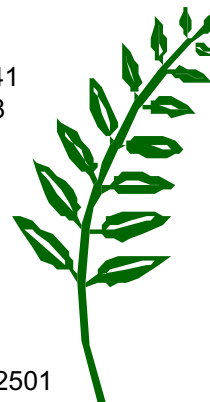
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The Road Apple: a Column for Cranks

The opinions expressed in this editorial are not necessarily those of the editor or any other responsible person. In fact, you should feel free to submit your opinion on a range topic for the next issue. It has to fit into this space, though.

I suppose most of us have some idea about the distinction between "range" and "rangeland." We can always look up the distinction in the official SRM definition manual if we need to. But few outside our small circle own that book, or care about the difference. So if the goal of changing our name is to make us seem more modern, or more well-rounded, or more "ecological," in an effort to reach or interest more people, I have doubts about its effectiveness.

Here's some ideas: "Society for rangeland restoration and management"; "Society for vegetation management"; "Society for woodland and grassland conservation"; "Society for the restoration and management of arid lands" etc. None of them are perfect but at least they are *different*.

LET'S GET A CALIFORNIAN ON THE SRM BOARD

It is time we have a California Section member on the SRM Board of Directors again to support our Section's interests. We deserve representation on the Board as one of the leading sections in the Society. In spite of our forwarding some excellent nominees in the past, the names of Bill Frost, Neil McDougald, Mel George, and Ken Fulgham come to mind, California has had only two directors in the history of SRM. Those directors were Rex Cleary in 1985 – 88 and Barbara Allen-Diaz in 1991 – 94.

The first step in achieving the successful election of a Californian, the nomination of a deserving candidate, has already been accomplished. Mike Stroud, who has been extremely active and dedicated to SRM at both the international and section level, will appear on the ballot when it comes out during this coming winter. Details on Mike's qualifications are offered below.

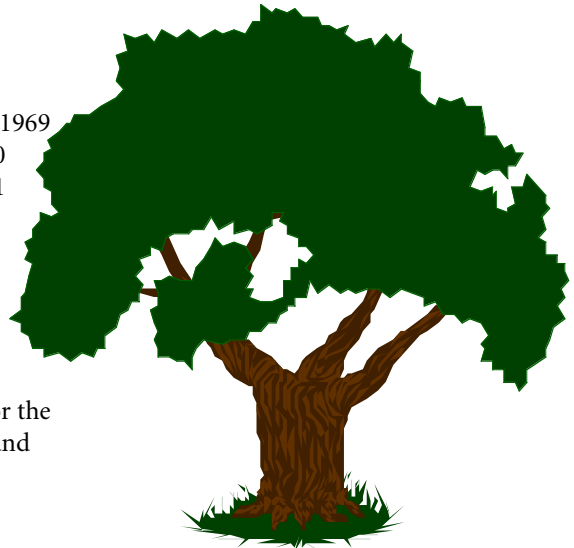
All section members need to support our candidate and make sure they vote. Some sections are very active in voting, and thus they are more often represented on the Board. If all 230+ members of the California Section would take the time to return the ballot, we would be successful. In addition, I suggest that you contact friends and colleagues in other sections and urge them to vote for Mike. A further bit of strategy you may want to follow: Don't dilute your vote; just vote for one candidate.

A summary of Mike's qualifications:

Education: B.S. – Forestry (Range Option), U.C. Berkeley, 1969
M.S. – Range Management, U.C. Berkeley, 1970
Additional Graduate Work, U.C. Berkeley, 1971

Work: Manager, Natural Resources Program,
Southwest Division, and earlier the Western
Division, Naval Facilities Engineering
Command, 1980 - Present

Mike has also worked as Soil Conservationist for the
Navy, Agronomist for the Corps of Engineers, and
Range Conservationist at Fort Hunter Liggett.



SRM Activities:

Mike has been a member of SRM since 1966. He has served as the chair of five SRM committees or task forces including some which should give him special insight into the workings of the Society - the Ad Hoc Bylaws Review and Revision Committee, the National Range Conference Goals and Accomplishments Task Group, and the Finance Committee. He has been the member of seven parent society committees. Mike has served on the Planning Committee for TWO SRM Annual Meetings, Hawaii 2001 and San Diego 1980, and the SRM Summer Meeting in Monterrey, Mexico. He has also been a member of the Editorial Review Board for *Rangelands*.

Parent Society:

Section Activities:

Mike has served in virtually all Section offices including President (1978), Director, Secretary-Treasurer for eight years, and Historian-Archivist. He has been active in Range Camp in all capacities for many years.

Honors: SRM Fellow Award (1991); CA Special Service Award (1987) and Range Manager of the Year (1988), Department of Navy Special Achievement Awards (1988, 1989 and 1992).

Mike is an RPF, CRM, and Registered Professional in Range Management.

I urge you to help get Californian Mike Stroud elected to the SRM Board of Directors! -- Mike Connor

RANGELAND TOPICS PRESENTATIONS

This project started as an idea discussed among several individuals to improve our knowledge and skills in range management. Living in a rural setting, often times three or more hours from a University setting - it is hard to maintain state-of-the-art knowledge and skills. We felt that perhaps we could improve ourselves by bringing quality speakers to our rural area.

We knew that we wanted this project to be about rangelands, since there was already a local Forest Forum operating that provided a similar service for timber oriented groups. We felt that the talks needed to be tailored to rangeland vegetation, hydrology and wildlife, since some combination of these issues seem to be involved in most of the resource problems in Northeast California.

Speakers are scheduled every couple of months from Fall to Spring. The intent is to have one speaker on vegetation, hydrology and wildlife each year. The speaking locations are alternated between Modoc and Lassen Counties to date. The speakers talks are advertised by office flyers, Forest Service & BLM Email messages, FAX messages, news releases and radio announcements.

To date there have been nine speakers during the last five years as follows:

11/16/96 Dr. James A. Young - Range Scientist - USDA, Agricultural Research Service, Reno, NV.

Topic: Historical Perspective for Grazing Mangement

01/18/97 Dr. Sherm Swanson - Research Extension Specialist, Reno, NV.

Topic: Stream and Riparian Vegetation/Management Influences - Results of Research.

NRCS Conference Room (Susanville) -

04/12/97 Dr. Fritz Reid - Director of Conservation Planning, Ducks Unlimited, Rancho Cordoba, CA.

Topic: Wetlands Management in the Arid Environment.

10/31/97 Dr. Richard F. Miller - Professor of Rangeland Resources - Oregon State University, Burns, OR.

Topic: History, Ecology and Management of Western Juniper Woodlands.

01/23/98 George E. Gruell - Research Biologist (USFS-Retired), Carson City, NV.

Topic: Historical Ecology of Great Basin Rangelands - Implications for Wildlife, Livestock and Fire Management.

04/24/98 Dr. John Buckhouse - Professor of Rangeland Resources (Hydrology) - Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.

Topic: Watershed Management - Science and Politics of the Sagebrush/Juniper type.

11/20/98 Dr. Robert Blank - Soil Scientist - USDA, Agricultural Research Service, Reno, NV.

Topic: Changing Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide and Plant Growth

4/??/99 Dan Dagget - Author & Rancher

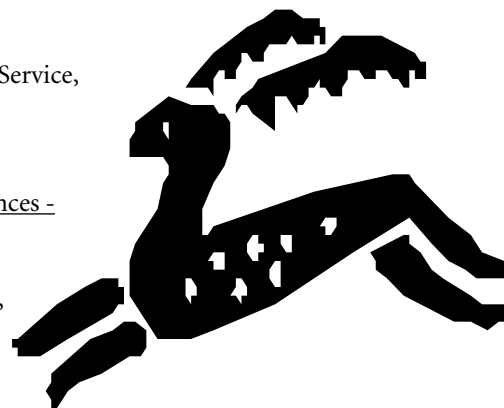
Topic: Beyond the Rangeland Conflict - Towards a West that Works.

3/16/00 Dr. Marty Vavra - Superintendent - Eastern Oregon Agricultural Center and Professor - Oregon State University.

Topic: Elk Foraging and Behavioral Characteristics.

8/TBA/01 Mike Gregg - Wildlife Biologist, Hart Mountain/Sheldon Wildlife Refuge

Topic: Update on Sage Grouse Research Studies



This program basically was put on hold during the summer and fall of the year 2000 and the winter and spring of the year 2001, because of the Rangeland Topics committee working on the SRM Hawaii annual meeting

We hope that Agency Leaders can attend some Rangeland Topics sessions and come to think of these speakers as a continuing education opportunity for their employees. We also hope that Agency Leaders will provide limited financial support for travel expenses for speakers (retired persons or unsponsored speakers) or meeting room rentals when required. The SRM Parent Society has recently started to give one Continuing Education Unit for these two hour sessions.

Currently five California SRM members serve on a committee to select speakers. The members are Joe Wagner (BLM), David Lile (UCCE), Ceci Dale-Cesmat (NRCS), Jenny Jayo (USFS) and Mike Dolan (BLM).

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EMPLOYMENT OUTREACH

TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST & BEALE AIR FORCE BASE
RANGELAND MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST
GS-454-5/7/9

The Tahoe National Forest in partnership with Beale Air Force Base will be advertising a shared permanent Rangeland Management Specialist position in mid July. This Forest Service position will either be filled as an entry level GS-5/7 or at the GS-9 level depending upon the availability of applicants. This position may also be flown as a demo position depending upon the applicant pool responding to this outreach. The duty station is located at Nevada City Ranger District, Nevada City, California; a satellite field office will also be located at Beale AFB, twenty-five miles west of Nevada City near Marysville.

The incumbent serves as an assistant to the Tahoe NF Range Program Manager and the Beale AFB Natural Resources Manager. Support is also provided, as needed, to the East Zone Range Manager. Primary responsibilities include administration of the west zone range program of the Tahoe NF. The west zone program administers 13 summer season allotments on three ranger districts. It also includes administration and technical support to the grazing lease program on Beale AFB which administers 5 winter season grazing leases. Emphasis for the position is on year-around technical fieldwork. The work is in a variety of rangeland settings from annual grass prairie and oak woodland in Sacramento Valley on the westside to High Sierra meadows and great basin bunchgrass-shrub types on the eastside. The incumbent would learn all aspects of livestock permit administration, allotment planning, rangeland ecology and GIS/data management.

Tahoe NF encompasses 1,175,535 acres, of which 381,161 acres are in other ownerships in an alternate section pattern. Early day land grants to railroads have accounted for a checkerboard ownership pattern throughout most of the Forest. This pattern of land ownership poses some unique challenges to resource management. The forest has 42 cattle and sheep allotments.

Beale AFB encompasses 23,000 acres, of which 13,000 acres are grazed. It is located in Yuba County on prairie lands east of Marysville and surrounding farm lands of the Sacramento Valley. The Base is in clear view of the Sutter Buttes to the west and the Sierra Crest to the east, which makes for a spectacular site during the winter grazing season.

To find out how to respond to this outreach notice please Contact: Tom Frolli, Tahoe National Forest, 631 Coyote Street, Nevada City, CA 95959 or Email: tfrolli@fs.fed.us, or (530) 478-6242

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CLASSIC CALIFORNIA RANGELAND MANAGEMENT LITERATURE

COMPILED BY JOHN V.
STECHMAN AND JAMES W.
BARTOLOME - 2001

Recently, we have been reminded that students, scientists, and managers are not always aware of classic early publications concerning the nature of rangeland and practice of rangeland management. Although hundreds of published documents constitute the foundation of current knowledge, older articles and texts, and most certainly their authors, become distinguished through the basic information and fundamental precepts and concepts recognized in these writings, this evident in wide acceptance by citation.

For California, perhaps the earliest published information pertinent to rangeland was the classic authored by A.W. Sampson and A. Chase entitled *Range Grasses of California* and printed in 1927 by the California Agricultural Experiment Station as Bulletin 430.

We have selected this and certain others for their renown historical value as foundation documents published before 1969 which promote an understanding of the character and management of California Annual-Type and conterminous grass-shrub rangelands. These classics, which present concepts and research results that have withstood the test of time, are listed below; note the contributions made by Bentley, Biswell, Heady, Hormay, Sampson, and Talbot - pioneers in California rangeland management.

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Spring Tour

This past spring we held our meeting jointly with the Soil and Water Conservation Society. It brought in lots of members from both our organizations and was a great opportunity to network with many new faces. There were 71 in attendance at Friday's technical session, which was held in the historic Winter's Opera House. Most of the presentations dealt with research projects in the Willow Slough Watershed. The research projects sparked some lively discussions. That night we drove to the Stone Ranch for a great country bar-be-que. On Saturday we traveled to the Willow Slough Watershed Restoration Project. Judy Boshoven and Jeannie Wirka, Audubon Society project coordinators gave a great tour of the work that has been done and activities that are planned for the future.

We would like to thank the staff of the Audubon Society in Yolo County, the Stone Family, the Yolo County Resource Conservation District and the Natural Resource Conservation Service for all their hard work in putting this meeting together and making it such a great success. — Ceci Dale-Cesmat



MEET THE CANDIDATES: VOTE FOR SECTION PRESIDENT AND TWO NEW DIRECTORS

**Candidate for President:
Henricus C. Jansen, Ph. D.
Professor of Wildland and Range Science
College of Agriculture
California State University, Chico**

I earned the B. Sc. in Forestry from the University of California at Berkeley in 1969 and the Ph.D. degree in Wildland Resource Management from the same institution in 1974.

Since 1976 I have taught a great diversity of courses in range and natural resource ecology and management in the College of Agriculture at CSU, Chico. Courses taught include: Forest Resource Management; Wetland and Riparian Resources; Wildlife Management; Vegetation Ecology; Vegetation Inventory and Classification; Landscape Ecology; Vegetation Dynamics and Management; Range Plant Identification; Rangeland Improvement; and Agrostology.

My teaching, research and consulting interests focus on vegetation management and the stewardship of natural resources. To this end I have conducted research on vegetation management, and served as a consultant to private landowners, and state, federal, and international land management agencies. I am a Certified Rangeland Manager (Board of Forestry, State of California, and Society for Range Management) and have served on the Resource Advisory Council of the Bureau of Land Management for northeastern California and adjacent Nevada since 1995.

I have been a SRM member since 1974, served twice as a member of the Board of Directors, and organized the 1998 Fall Meeting of CA-SRM in Chico.

**Candidate for President
Richard King, Ecologist,
NRCS Field Offices in Northern California
Small-Scale Beef Cattle Producer, Petaluma**

First, let me thank the many individuals and families who have built and contributed to the California Section over the years. I am a Certified Rangeland Manager (& Life Member of SRM), and a Certified Educator in Holistic Management (& Charter Member of Allan Savory Center for Holistic Management). I got my BS in Wildlife Management from Humboldt State University 1975, with a minor in Range Management. My MS is in Biology, from Northern Arizona University 1983.

Of most importance to me, and what I hope you are seriously concerned about as well, is what direction WE should steer the SRM boat. My focus for the Calif. Section is to pursue the following 5 items:

1. Identifying & exploring the newest paradigm shifts occurring in our profession: what precisely are they, what is the science behind them, what is the data telling us vs. the interpretations we construct, when are we facing symptoms yet treating them as problems. I'm referring to the great insights we can discover by jumping out of our boxes and jumpstarting openness to new ideas and changes in thinking. New technology easily spreads and is rapidly adopted. New IDEAS move slower than cold molasses. Transformational changes in thinking can be social suicide in some peer groups, whether in professional, organizational, or family groups.
2. Learning together and from each other, emphasizing listening with respect & inclusiveness. Our membership has an incredible richness of beliefs, knowledge, experience & inquiry. Are we open to this richness? Do we invite & seriously explore new ideas, new questions, or do we focus too much on what we already perceive and "know" we need or don't need? Are we comfortable sharing what we believe, think, and feel with each other? With outsiders? Do our members take the time to learn and share, or do they pull away and let others do their thing? Why? Strengthening human relationships is our toughest challenge, no matter what group we belong to.
3. Clarifying the purpose of this SRM Section: we need one statement, very short & very clear 4. Developing a goal for our Section that states three things: a.) what our members deeply value about being a member of this Section, b.) what we must produce to sustain those values, and c.) what outside conditions, as quickly as we can get them, are essential for our success so that we can strive toward them and sustain them as long as possible. This includes how the people & groups that are important for our support and success must perceive us, what our natural resources must be like, and what our state's communities must be like. Such a shared goal will be less than 1 page in length. It will state 100% what we want as a member of the Section, 0% how to get it, 0% what we don't want. It develops a shared ownership & commitment for the Section. That provides a powerful benchmark to judge whether any of our planned Section activities, whatever they may be, will move us toward or away from our goal. We don't have such a goal; I believe we need one.
5. Having fun along the way.

Candidate for President:
Kent Reeves
Wildlife Biologist,
East Bay Municipal Utility District
Mokelumne Fish and Wildlife Division

I am a fairly new member of the Society for Range Management, having joined 5 years ago. I became involved with SRM because it is the one natural resource profession that includes a strong economic component and is involved with the private sector more than most of the other disciplines. As a wildlife biologist I believe that the next big step in wildlife conservation is on private lands. In order to do so we have to be able to meet the economic needs of landowners.

But why do I want to be president? We are in the process of change and I think the California/Pacific Section can be a leader for change. It is like the saying "you can be first or you can be forced." I think we can be first as far as developing a broader membership of diverse professionals. That is why I accepted the position as membership chair and why I harangue my friends who work on California rangelands as land managers, but do not belong to SRM. Or feel they need to be or consult with certified professionals in rangeland management.

As a board member I have been working to develop stronger relationships with other professional organizations in the state and broaden our membership. I think we can encourage new members by providing professional development programs that emphasize neglected areas of rangeland management – conservation and restoration. These are the two elements that are attracting young professionals to such organizations as the Society for Ecological Restoration, the Society for Conservation Biology, and the California Native Grass Association.

For the past 20 years I have been involved with more alternative aspects to rangeland management starting with my curiosity of holistic management as a graduate student at Humboldt State in the early 1980's. However, I have learned the importance of diversity with regard to developing land management plans based on the individuals involved and their needs. There is no such thing as cookie cutter rangeland management.

Rangeland ecology was one of the first disciplines to advocate and develop ecosystem management. Now 30 years later it is being implemented and encouraged by a variety of government agencies and the professional organizations I mentioned earlier. We should be first again. I believe that with my diverse background in natural resource management that I can assist the section in getting there.

Candidate for Director:
Kirsten (KC) Bordwell
BLM Rangeland Management Specialist

Received my B.S. degree in Range Science from Montana State University in 1986, and M.S. degree in Range Management from the University of Idaho in 1989.

Originally active in the Society for Range Management while coaching the Range Plant ID Team at the University of Idaho and encouraged undergraduate participation by attending Annual National Meetings in Boise and Corpus Christi.

Began working as an entry level Range Conservationist with the Modoc National Forest in 1989 and attended Annual Meetings representing the USFS. Presented posters and information about the Forest Service process for Allotment Management Planning using the Experimental Stewardship Program (ESP) to encourage greater public participation.

Advanced to the sole Rangeland Manager for the Warner Mountain Ranger District in 1994 and spent the next 6 years developing Allotment Management Plans with the permittees and local ESP Technical Review Teams. Began working for the Bureau of Land Management as a Rangeland Management Specialist in July 2000. Also became a Certified Professional in Range Management in 2000.

Assisted the SRM Accreditation Team in May 2000 with the review of the undergraduate Range Program at Oregon State University. Participated on the Planning Committee for the 2001 Annual Meeting in Hawaii coordinating and organizing the Technical Paper Sessions.

Candidate for Director:
David B. Kelley
Consulting Plant and Soil Scientist

I joined the Society for Range Management while I was a graduate student at Texas Tech University in 1971. Since that time, I have been an active participant in many SRM meetings, range management workshops, conferences on arid land and rangeland resources, rangeland and wildland restoration classes and conferences, and rangeland tours. As a professional consulting plant and soil scientist, I work with ranchers, farmers, wildlife habitat professionals, and others involved in rangeland/wildland resource management in the western U. S. and in other parts of the world. As president of a non-profit foundation, Tuscan, I monitor and manage a Butte County rangeland preserve with sensitive wetlands and endangered species. I teach several professional courses on soils, ecological restoration, and wetlands, and have pub-

lished numerous articles on grassland restoration, vernal pool wetlands, and soils. I would be honored to serve as a director of the California Section of the Society for Range Management.

Active participation in the Society for Range Management.

- Joined SRM in 1971
- Attended many national and section meetings and field tours

Sitting member of SRM Wildlife Habitat Committee (2001-2004)

Recent interest in activities at the Section level.

- California Section trade show coordinator for SRM international meeting (2001-A Range Odyssey), in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
 - Session moderator at 2001-A Range Odyssey
- Co-host of California Section 2001 spring meeting (with California Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society)

Education and training pertaining to the goals of the Section.

- B.Sc., Zoology, Texas Tech University
 - M.Sc., Botany, Texas Tech University
- Ph.C., Plant Physiology/Soils, UC Davis

Professional experience in range management.

- Several publications in rangeland science (see attached list)
- Many presentations on rangeland resources (Austin, Logan, Corvallis, Lubbock, Tucson, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Winters, Davis, etc.)
- Active teacher and researcher on topics related to range science (University Extension, UC Davis; California Native Grass Association; Society for Ecological Restoration)

Active manager of rangelands and grazing lands in California (Tuscan Preserve)

watersheds, rangeland forage quality, invasive species, and a good deal of coordination with ranchers, land management agencies and other stakeholders to cooperatively solve range issues, using creative, science based, range management.

I would like to maintain and expand SRM's role as an organization where academic, private and agency rangeland managers can exchange scientific and practical information to keep current with ever broadening range management issues - while having some fun at the same time.

**Candidate for Director:
Richard Riddle
Rangeland Manager,
Head of Land Management Branch
Camp Pendleton**

I have been active in SRM for many years, serving on committees and participating in Section activities. The upcoming fall meeting is of special interest to me. I have published several articles on vegetation management, including ones on using goats to control brush in JRM, and, most recently, using cattle to restore grasslands. I would be honored to serve as director and if elected, will do my best to further the goals of our membership, and to help our Section maintain a leadership role in the changing management required by our "changing times."

Education:

BS Animal Science - North Carolina State Univ. 1990
MS Range Science - Texas A&M Univ. 1993

Member of SRM since 1990, serving in the following offices:

CA Section Excellence in Range Mgt. Committee
SRM Excellence in Range Mgt. Committee Chair (2001)
SRM 2001 Annual Mtg. - Registration Chair
OK Section Secretary -1998

Work Experience:

1993-94 Research Tech. -Texas A&M Ag. Research Station - Uvalde, TX
1994 Research Tech. - Univ. Texas at El Paso
1995 - Extension Range Associate - Texas Ag. Extension Service- Vernon, TX
1996 - Rangeland Management Specialist - Avon Park Air Force Bombing Range, FL
1997-99 Rangeland Management Specialist - NRCS- Cheyenne, OK
1999-2001 Rangeland Manager, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA

Professional Certifications:

Certified Professional Range Manager (1999)
Certified Rangeland Management Consultant (1999)

Candidate for Director:

David Lile

**Natural resources & Livestock Advisor,
UC Cooperative Extension, Lassen County**

I have been a member of SRM since 1990. Since that time I have served on a few committees and co-hosted and organized the summer meeting/tour with Rod Tripp and Ceci Dale-Cesmat in 1998. I welcome the opportunity to become further involved with the section by serving as a Director.

I earned Bachelors (1989) and Masters (1991) degrees in Range & Wildland Science at UC Davis and now work as a Natural resources & Livestock Advisor for UC Cooperative Extension in Lassen County. My work encompasses a variety rangeland issues including range

Membership Committee

There's good news and bad news. The good news is that we have had an increase in our membership. The bad news is that we are at an all time low since 1992 as far as our overall membership. Our membership has declined from 339 in 1992 to 211 as of July 2001. There has been an overall decline in active membership within both the parent society and the section. The national society is attempting to address this fall off in membership by creating change with the active participation of members.

I recently received the new brochure to encourage membership in the Society which has nice graphics and photographs of rangelands. A rangeland manager looking at a grass in the sunset. Wildlife. Recreation. The brochure talks about dedication to stewardship and the basic ideals of rangeland ecology and conservation with a membership application and invitation to join the Society. But something is missing. The two things (in my opinion) that are enticing professionals to join other organizations like the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER), the California Native Grass Association (CNGA), and the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) that are missing from our organization are conservation and restoration. The word *conserving* is used to describe what our members do and *conservationists* is used to describe our members, but nowhere is it used with any emphasis regarding rangelands. It is not that we don't do that in our jobs, it is that we are losing many young professionals by not informing them of the dynamics of our work and how conservation and restoration are critical components in our profession. Many of the young people that I work with who are looking at careers in natural resources want to protect and enhance biodiversity. Do we do that? Yes, but do we promote that fact? No. Sure these may be the new buzz words of natural resource conservation, but they work and young people are drawn to doing something that makes a difference in land conservation. Conservation and restoration are aspects of our profession that are playing an important role in why young people chose natural resource management as a career.

The parent Society is debating the possibility of changing our name to the Society for *Rangeland* Management and developing a new logo. Unless we change internally and respond to the needs of not only our current membership, but our future membership these changes will be simple window dressing that anyone will see through. In order to encourage new membership we can provide the following:

- Professional development in rangeland restoration and conservation
- Cooperation with professional organizations (we are currently doing this as evidenced by our spring 2001 meeting and upcoming spring and fall 2002 meetings with other professional organizations)
- Proactive education about rangeland ecology and our profession
- Providing links on our website for the professional organizations we cooperate with and vice versa
- Informing people who work on rangelands why being a member of SRM is important to them (there are many natural resource managers in California working on rangelands who are not members of our society)

It is time for me to get off my soapbox and get busy. Now what are your ideas? Please feel free to contact me regarding membership. Thanks. Kent Reeves, kreeves@ebmud.com

CALIFORNIA SECTION MEMBERS SERVE OUR SOCIETY

In a recent, 2001 issue of SRM's *The Trail Boss News*, it was remarkable to read so many familiar names in the "SRM Mini-Directory." Twenty-five California Section members represent us on twenty-one committees or groups of our national organization. These are itemized below for you. When you see these fellow members, thank them for representing us.

Accreditation Committee - Ceci Dale-Cesmat
Associate Editor, JRM - Rob Pearce
Awards Committee - Joe Wagner
Coordinated Resource Management Committee - Rex Cleary
CPRM Certification Committee - Jim Bartolome
Employment Affairs Committee - Keith Guenther
Endowment Fund Board of Governors - Jack Artz
Finance Committee - Bill Frost and Neil McDougald
Excellent in Range Management Committee - Rich Riddle and Dan Macon
History, Archives & Library Committee - Jack Artz, John Stechman & Jim Clawson
Information & Education Committee - Susan Marshall
International Affairs Committee - Joe Wagner
Membership Committee - Tracy Wolfe
Nominating Committee - Jack Artz
Publications Committee - Rob Pearce
Public Affairs Committee - Mitch Perdue
Rangeland Assessment and Monitoring Committee - Scott Lusk
Rangelands Editorial Board - Lynn Huntsinger
Range Science Education Council - Ken Fulgham
Technology Transfer Committee - Marc Horney
Watershed/Riparian Committee - Ken Tate, Royce Larsen & Dick McCleery
Wildlife Habitat Committee - David Kelley



*California Section Members
are cordially invited to:*

BALANCING MULTIPLE USE MANAGEMENT IN THE SEMI-ARID WEST: CHALLENGES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

**ANNUAL FALL MEETING 2001
PACIFIC NORTHWEST SECTION
OCTOBER 10-12, 2001**

LAKEVIEW, OREGON

www.lakecountychamber.org
Meeting Highlights

Wednesday October 10 - Lake County Fairgrounds

- 12:00 - 3:30 Board Meeting
- 12:00 - 7:00 Plant I.D. Contest available for viewing
- 3:45 - 4:00 Formal Greeting, Flag Ceremony, and formal introductions
- 4:00 - 4:30 Lee Eddleman speaking on the theme of the conference. Get acquainted with the climate, landscape, and general ecology of Lake County
- 4:30 - 5:00 Mike Gregg's presentation on sage grouse research from Hart Mountain, Sheldon, and Beatys Butte
- 5:00 - 5:20 John Tanaka presents "Who are these Public Land Ranchers?"
- 6:00 - 7:00 Social hour at the Lake County Fairgrounds with the Old Time Fiddlers entertaining the crowd
- 7:00 - 9:00 Barbecue with Cowboy Poetry by Leon Flick and a special presentation by John Buckhouse

Thursday October 11 - Lakeview Elks Lodge

- 6:30 - 7:30 Continental breakfast
- 7:30 - 8:00 An introduction to the Beaty Butte area and how current management attempts to balance multiple users
- 8:15 - 11:00 Travel from Lakeview to Adel and then on to Lone Grave Butte to discuss prescribed burning techniques and their effects on big sagebrush communities, sage grouse, antelope and deer populations
- 11:45 - 12:00 Stop at Willow Spring to observe and discuss feral horse management. The Lake County Stockgrowers Association will provide barbecued hamburgers and snacks for lunch

- 1:15 - 2:00 Travel to wild fire area to discuss reseeding for sage grouse and the issue of native vs. introduced species
- 2:00 - 4:30 Travel back to Lakeview
- 5:00 - 6:00 Social hour at the Lakeview Elks Lodge
- 6:00 - 7:30 George Taylor will be making a presentation on the climates role in rangeland resources.
- 8:00 - 10:00 AUCTION - bring something to put in it — and bring your wallet to have fun with it!

Friday October 12 - Lakeview Elks Lodge
8:00 - 12:00 Chapter Meeting

Featured Speakers

Lee Eddleman - Ph.D. Department of Rangeland Resources Oregon State University.

Mike Gregg - Biologist United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Hart Mountain and Sheldon Refuges

John Tanaka - Professor of Agriculture and Resource Economics, Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center Union, Oregon

Leon Flick - Working Cowboy, Writer and Cowboy Poet using A Cow's Tail for a Compass. Leon resides in Plush, Oregon

John Buckhouse - Ph.D. Department of Rangeland Resources Oregon State University.

George Taylor - Oregon State University Climatologist

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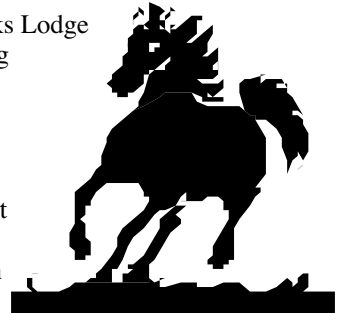
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Check out:



California Section, Society for Range Management – Fall Meeting

The CA Section, SRM Annual Fall Meeting will be held at the RIDGEMARK RESORT, 3800 Airline Highway, Hollister, CA during 1–3 November 2001, with a tour of Morris Ranch. I have reserved 5 rooms for Wednesday (31st), 10 rooms for Thursday (1st), and 25 rooms for Friday (2nd). Call 1-800-637-8151 and request **CA SECTION - SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT** when making reservations. The rate is \$86.00 per night with 8% bed tax. Reservations must be made by **15 OCTOBER 2001**.

The schedule of events will be as follows:

- Thursday – 1000 to 1200 – CASRM Committee Meetings
- Thursday – 1300 to 1700 – CASRM Board of Directors Meeting
- Friday — 0800 to 0900 – Annual Meeting Registration
- Friday – 0900 to 1200 – General Program Meeting AM
- Friday – 1200 to 1400 – Section Business Luncheon
- Friday – 1400 to 1700 – General Program Meeting PM
- Friday – 1800 to 1900 – No-host Social Reception & Begin Silent Auction
- Friday – 1900 to 2330 – Section Banquet, Awards Ceremony & Silent and Live Auction
- Saturday – 0800 to 1400 – Tour of the T.O. Cattle Company with Bar-B-Que Lunch

Please complete the registration form and return to me, with check payable to **CA Section-SRM**, at POB 383, Arcata, CA 95518-0383 no later than **15 October 2001**. You can register by e-mail at: fulghamk@humboldt.edu, and pay at the door. I need an accurate headcount for the Friday lunch, banquet dinners, and the field tour lunch.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name	Companion	
Complete Address		
Phone & E-mail		
Registration Fee:	\$25.00/person X _____	= \$ _____
Late Registration Fee: After 15 October	= \$30.00/person X _____	= \$ _____
Friday Luncheon: Chicken Caesar Salad @ \$14.00/person	X _____	= \$ _____
	Chicken Scallopini @ \$18.00/person X _____	= \$ _____
Friday Banquet: Sauteed Chicken Piccata @ \$25.00/person	X _____	= \$ _____
	Beef Tenderloin en croute & Mediterranean	
	Chicken @ \$30.00/person X _____	= \$ _____
Field Tour including Bar-B-Que Lunch:	\$15.00/person X _____	= \$ _____
 TOTAL AMOUNT PAID: CHECK #:		 = \$ _____

WHAT'S INSIDE

***FALL MEETING NOVEMBER 1-3, AND TOUR OF T.O. CATTLE COMPANY

***Section Directory

*****VOTE! Section Directors and President (we promise a complete count)**

*****PNW Meeting**

****Classic Rangeland Literature*



Pulling together: Shall the rotation of future section meetings include Hawaii?

One of the California SRM Section's goals is to expand its geographic boundaries and include members from the Pacific Rim. A section meeting in Hawaii might help us work towards this goal, as well as provide a pleasurable professional/vacation venue. At the spring 2001 meeting, the CASRM Board of Directors felt it would be prudent to poll the membership to see how many members would be interested in this proposition. Please consider the "Hawaii" questions on the enclosed ballot and let your Board of Directors know whether to proceed.

By the way, congratulations to Ken Fulgham who found more than the spirit of Aloha in Hawaii. Ken was married to Jackie on July 5 and maintains a residence on the Kona Coast. As a result, Ken will be in an excellent position to secure meeting space, tours and accommodation packages for California Section SRM members to hold future meetings on the Big Island. Again, thanks for your feedback, Susan Edinger Marshall.