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Being a member of the California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management is something that has grown in meaning and importance to me over the years. As a new member, I didn't know most of you and being young I certainly lacked the focus of the professionals and leadership of our organization at the time. I found a niche with our Range and Natural Resources Camp. Participating most years, maybe not from the very beginning, but far enough back that when we went to camp it meant being instructor, counselor, camp director and cook. The kids loved it, well maybe not the food, but they appreciated our commitment and enthusiasm.

Today, our Range Camp is celebrating its 20th year. It's still a marathon to get it all done but we are more sophisticated than in those early years. We know we can't take our message to the next generation without everyone's support. Today we have a camp director, director's assistant, day monitors, moderators, counselors, instructors and cooks. Many of you have been coming for years or maybe just a few. Camp is a veritable who's who of our section and other professional organization's. Here are just a few: Mike Stroud, Mitch Perdue, Sheila Barry, Dave Kelly, Dan Macon, Liz Kellogg, Jenny

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I know our section has grown on me over the years just because most of you have been involved with Camp. Next to furthering range management through research and educating our college students, range camp is the most important thing our section does. Our section has always been filled with professionals inspired by our rangeland resource. We gather at

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Committee Happenings

*From Draft March Board
Minutes*

Awards. The annual meeting had posters for Excellence in Range Management. There was discussion supporting our own nominee in an international arena. Members should also start thinking about nominees in anticipation of the June meeting.

Information & Education.

The 2003 Proceedings are available.

Meetings. Draft registration materials were distributed for the Spring 2004 meeting, the tentative program for the Fall meeting (November 10-13, Kailua-Kona) was given, and meeting locations for 2005 meetings were suggested.

Newsletter. Articles were requested to be submitted by April 9th. Suggestions for articles were made.

Nominations and Elections. Potential nominees were suggested.

Professional Affairs. Announced an interagency effort to address state of the knowledge of rangeland water quality in early January or February. The course would include an overview, pathogens, sediment, nutrients, temperature, biota, regulatory environment and be held in Davis or Sacramento.

Student Affairs. Range camp will be June 20-25 at a new ranch.

CRM. Four people took the exam and three passed. The next exam is scheduled for October 2004, with applications due July 1. Edie will work on CRM letter ("State Law Requires Certification for Land Managers") M/Dudley, S/Pasero to approve letter as written. Passed, one opposed. There was discussion about

promoting certification, providing a study guide or hold special workshops to prepare the exam. The new CRM brochure should be included in the next newsletter with input from Leonard Jolley, comparing national and state certification the CRM list on the Cal-Pac website needs to be updated.

President's Message

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meetings to share our knowledge and on occasion a little wine (but never whine). At Range Camp we get together to excite youth into pursuing a profession in rangeland or natural resources management. At the very least, we give those kids an appreciation for conservation and rangelands that isn't available in schools or other camps. If you haven't been involved in Camp as a Section member we need your help. We are all busy folks, taking on too many projects, too many committee's but you can make a real difference with camp. If you know a high school student that may be interested in our camp, ask them to sign up. If you have a day you can come and help out, we have opportunities for you to come and participate. Give Mike Stroud a call or send him an email (mstroud@cnlm.org) if you are interested in helping this year.

In addition to Range Camp, the Spring Meeting in Alturas is just around the corner. Henricus Jansen and Mike Dolan have been hard at work putting together a great field tour. I hope you all can come. I always look forward for an opportunity to meet old and new friends.

See ya there!

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CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC SECTION

Spring 2004 Meeting and Tour

The CALPAC Section of SRM will hold its Spring Meeting and Tour in Alturas, CA. on June 3-4, 2004. Arrangements have been made at the Cal Pines Lodge near Alturas for food and lodging, and Board of Directors Meeting. Meeting and meal reservations must be made by May 28, 2004 to ensure an accurate head count. Call 530-233-5842 and request CAL-PAC Section SRM when making lodging reservations. The rate is \$45 for one queen bed or \$50 for two beds per night, including local bed taxes.

Alturas is located in northeastern California at the intersection of State Highways 395 and 299, approximately three hours north of Reno, NV and three hours east of Redding, CA. The Cal Pines Lodge is located 9 miles southwest of Alturas off Centerville Rd (County Rd. 54) on the shore of Donavan Reservoir.

Alternative accommodations in Alturas can be found at:

- Best Western @ 530-233-4111 (\$63 single, \$67.50 double plus 10% tax)
- Super 8 Motel @ 530-233-3545 (\$56 single, \$62 double plus 10% tax)
- Rim Rock Motel @ 530-233-5455 (\$45 single, \$55 double)
- Essex Motel @ 530-233-2821 (\$42 single, \$55 double)

If you elect to spend Thursday night in town, you can be picked up at the BLM office on Highway 299, at 8 a.m. for a ride to Cal Pines Lodge.

Mike Dolan and Tim Burke have put together a great field tour for Friday which includes lunch. The tour will depart from and return to the Cal Pines Lodge. Please see the Tour Program for details and times. The BOD Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 3, 1 – 5 pm at the Cal Pines Lodge.

Please complete the registration and meal reservation form on the next page, enclose a check payable to CAL-PAC Section SRM, and send it to Ken Fulgham, POB 383, Arcata, CA. 95518-0383. You can also pre-register by e-mail at: fulghamk@humboldt.edu, or by fax at 707-826-4145 and pay at the door.

Registration made or received after 21 May 2004 at 5 PM will be \$20.00 extra.

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CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC SECTION

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Companion _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Registration Fee and Tour Lunch: \$20.00/person =\$ _____

Late Registration Fee Assessment: \$20.00/person =\$ _____

Student Fee and Tour Lunch (any time): \$10.00/person =\$ _____

Thursday -- Breakfast – includes coffee or hot tea, gratuity and tax:

Choice #1 -- 2 Eggs Any Style, bacon or sausage,
hash browns, biscuit or toast \$ 7.50/person =\$ _____

Choice #2 – Short stack of 3 pancakes \$ 5.25/person =\$ _____

Thursday -- Lunch – includes soda or ice tea, gratuity and tax:

Choice #1 – French Dip Sandwich \$ 5.75/person =\$ _____

Choice #2 – Club Sandwich \$ 6.25/person =\$ _____

Thursday -- Dinner:

Choice #1 -- Rib Eye Steak \$15.00/person =\$ _____

Choice #2 – Lemon Garlic Chicken \$12.00/person =\$ _____

Friday -- Breakfast – includes coffee or hot tea, gratuity and tax:

Choice #1 -- 2 Eggs any style, bacon or sausage,
hash browns, biscuit or toast \$ 7.50/person =\$ _____

Choice #2 – Short stack of 3 pancakes \$ 5.00/person =\$ _____

Check # _____ Date _____ Total Amount Paid: =\$ _____

Society for Range Management California-Pacific Section Draft Strategic Plan

Adopted: _____

Preamble

The California Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management (Cal-Pac SRM) has commenced a long-term planning process to achieve a strategic direction to benefiting the Section. This process will link our strategic, tactical, business, and financial plans into an integrated, focused approach towards our Vision and Mission. Underlying this process is a set of core values that Section members hold: we love the land; we believe that through professional fellowship and continuous learning we can improve stewardship of the land; and that stewardship should be based both on sound science and the watchful application of the management arts.

What is our Vision for the future?

Our vision is a competent fellowship of professionals and rangeland users, working to benefit healthy and sustainable rangeland ecosystems, which provide open space, clean air and water, ecological productivity and diversity, food, fiber, and economic opportunities for rural communities.

Mission of the California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management

Our mission is to promote the art and science of sound rangeland resource management through:

- Leadership
- Sound Science
- Professional Development
- Continuing Education
- Technical Assistance
- Interdisciplinary Collaboration
- Facilitating constructive interchange among those who care about the Cal-Pac SRM Vision.

Guiding Principles

- Rangeland management means working with ecological processes for their own sustainability and health, as well as meeting human needs for food, fiber, recreation, open space, and other commodity, non-commodity, and social values.
- Sound science is the basis of rangeland management decision-making.
- Stewardship is an art as well as a science, and the passing on of the art of rangeland management must be a conscientiously nurtured process.
- Grazing stewardship relates directly to watershed values, proper watershed functioning, and conservation of ecosystems.
- Rangeland management must be economically viable.
- Public health is necessarily considered in rangeland management decisions.
- Rangeland management is inherently interdisciplinary and involves a full range of people with interests at stake. Therefore, collaboration and cooperation are essential elements of management effectiveness and cost-efficiency.
- Rangeland management can support multiple public policy and conservation objectives on public lands.
- Sound land use policy is essential to rangeland health and sustainability.
- Ongoing standardization of terms, policies, and criteria and indicators for establishing ecosystem health, is necessary for rangeland management effectiveness.
- Ethical standards are essential to leadership and responsible rangeland policy and management.
- Sound risk management is key to effective rangeland policy and management, the first rule being to do no long-term harm to ecosystem health and sustainability.

Goals and Actions

Goal Subject Area Summary:

Goal 1: Research and Technology

Goal 2: Technical Assistance (external for users/managers)

Goal 3: Member Service for Professional Development/Leadership (internal for membership)

Goal 4: Public Outreach (external for public/youth)

Goal 5: Public Policy (policy makers)

Goal 6: Organizational capacity and health

Goal 1: Support sound and sustained rangeland research, and prompt synthesis, dissemination and implementation of research results, to effectively and cost-efficiently further the vision of Cal-Pac SRM.

The Section may want to advocate (e.g. provide letters of support) for certain types of research proposals, such as those that are long-term or that include a synthesis oriented to the rangeland manager. Other rangeland research is also valuable, but has historically been easier to find funding to support.

Goal 2 Provide technical assistance to rangeland users, planners, and managers that empowers them to achieve the Cal-Pac SRM vision.

Action: Develop a quarterly print/web publication that includes features, vignettes, and abstracts that illustrate:

- Technical assistance; and
- Current research (highlights from UC publications, SRM publications, definitions, masters/PhD projects, senior projects, etc.).

Responsibility: Orrin Sage, Susan Marshall, Dan Macon (others?)

Deadline: Launch by January 2005

Measure of Success: Circulation numbers and response

Action: Develop a list of technical assistance and funding resources on the Cal-Pac website. Also include a list of rangeland publications.

Responsibility: Publications (?) Committee, John Harper

Deadline: 2007

Measure of Success:

Action: Contact technical assistance agencies to determine ways in which the section can serve their needs. Develop training to meet these needs.

Responsibility: New Committee(?)

Deadline: 2007

Measure of Success: Number of training sessions and attendees

Action: Develop "hot sheets" highlighting Excellence in Range Management award winners' management techniques to include in ranching industry publications (e.g. *Hot Irons*, California Wool Growers Association, etc.).

Responsibility: New Committee(?)

Deadline: 2007

Measure of Success: Placement in publications and readership

Goal 3: Build the leadership capacity and technical competency of the membership through superior member service and opportunities for professional development.

Action: Develop a study guide for the California certified range manager exam.

Responsibility: CRM Panel, Cal-Pac Board, professional educators

Deadline:

Measure of Success: Use of study guide

Action: Develop a series of articles regarding state and national certification programs for the *Needlegrass Notes*.

Responsibility: Jim Bartolome, Leonard Jolley, Dan Sendak

Deadline:

Measure of Success: Publication of articles

Action: Dedicate a portion of one of our annual meetings to a topic that is included in the CRM exam. Consider conducting workshops the day before the technical session of the meeting.

Responsibility:

Deadline:

Measure of Success: Participation in meetings/workshops

Action: Develop a continuing education requirement for maintaining CRM certification. Develop a system for tracking continuing education units within Cal-Pac Section.

Responsibility: CRM Panel

Deadline:

Measure of Success:

Action: Include one continuing education unit by open book exam in each published proceedings from Section meetings.

Responsibility:

Deadline:

Measure of Success:

Action: Develop a voluntary list of range professionals who are willing to mentor new professionals and provide other types of job/career support.

Responsibility:

Deadline:

Measure of Success: Number of mentors and "mentees"

Goal 4: Sustain and grow the Section's capacity and health to serve a dedicated, competent, and loyal membership, and accomplish the goals and vision of Cal-Pac SRM.

Action: Increase membership by 30 members per year over the next three years by doing the following:

- Encouraging agency land managers to join;
- Including membership applications in each newsletter and on the website;
- Calling all delinquent and dropped members; and
- Implementing additional methods developed by the Membership Committee

Responsibility: Membership Committee

Deadline: 2007

Measure of Success: Membership level

Action: Increase student membership by 10 members per year over the next three years by:

- Recognizing students at meetings with special name tags;
- Working with universities to provide guest speakers in classes and clubs; and
- Hold a meeting (perhaps breakfast meeting) at the annual meeting for student members (similar to the CCA Young Cattlemen program).

Responsibility: Membership Committee and new Student Committee

Deadline:

Measure of Success: Number of student members

Action: Establish a permanent Audit Committee that will meet at the spring meeting to examine the Section's financial records.

Responsibility: Board of Directors (bylaws change), President
Deadline: Fall 2004
Measure of Success: Standardization and quality of financial records

Action: Form partnerships and collaborate with other professional organizations to build attendance and effectiveness of annual meetings.

Responsibility:
Deadline:
Measure of Success:

Goal 5: Provide Public Outreach and Education that furthers the vision and mission of the Section.

Action: Inventory the activities in which Section members participate and the organizations to which they belong. Work with members to provide SRM information at their events (e.g., fairs, career days, etc.). Use Section display (Mike Connor)

Responsibility: Information and Education Committee
Deadline: Spring 2005
Measure of Success: Number of events

Action: Hold joint meetings with other professional societies. Encourage participation in other society meetings by purchasing exhibit space.

Responsibility: Meeting Committee
Deadline: Annual
Measure of Success: Number of joint meetings and participation in external meetings

Action: Develop a PowerPoint™ presentation on rangelands and range camp for use by individual Section members.

Responsibility: Information and Education Committee, Range Camp Committee
Deadline:
Measure of Success: Completion and use of presentation

Action: Increase participation in and support for Range Camp by:

- Increasing contacts with 4-H program leaders and Future Farmers of America chapters;
- Enhancing/supporting greater connection between high schools and resource conservation districts; and
- Requiring collegiate recipients of funds from the annual Section auction to support Range Camp (through the above and other activities).

Responsibility:
Deadline:
Measure of Success: Range Camp participation

Goal 6: Improve public policy decisions by influencing policy makers and addressing issues critical to accomplishing the vision Cal-Pac SRM.

[from SRM Bylaws: SECTION 2. The following definitions shall be used by the Society, Sections or Chapters to distinguish between Policy Statements, Position Statements and Resolutions: (a) Policy Statement: a carefully devised statement of principle to guide decisions and actions of the Society for Range Management. (b) Position Statement: an unequivocal statement of posture or attitude in regard to a specific issue within the parameters of a Policy Statement of the Society, (c) Resolution: A

formal statement of opinion requesting and encouraging action to resolve a situation within the parameter of a Policy Statement of the Society.]

Action: Develop a “Rangeland Policy and Issues News” section of the website and newsletter.

Responsibility: **Public Affairs Committee**

Deadline: **March 2005**

Measure of Success:

Action: Place the Section on stakeholder/public notice lists for agencies for review of key environmental documents involving rangelands.

Responsibility: **Public Affairs Committee**

Deadline: **October 2004**

Measure of Success:

Action: Develop and publish position papers and policy statements on key rangeland issues (e.g., nonpoint source pollution waivers, National Fire Plan, local land use policies, agency funding, conservation of working landscapes, etc.).

- Developing “White Papers” on major policy issues.

Responsibility: **Public Affairs Committee, Board of Directors**

Deadline: **June 2005**

Measure of Success: **one/year**

Action: Every two years, sponsor an issues workshop or panel discussion at the annual meeting on an issue critical to public and private rangeland management.

Responsibility: **Public Affairs Committee**

Deadline: **October 2005**

Measure of Success: **Increase in attendance at meetings due to issues discussion or positive feedback based on post-discussion evaluation.**

Measuring our Progress

The California-Pacific Section will review its progress in implementing this Strategic Plan at each meeting. Meeting agendas will provide opportunities for committees and individuals to report progress towards each of the goals and actions identified in this plan. In addition, the plan will be updated as new opportunities and challenges are identified through the Section’s annual meetings.

Definitions

Vision: Our vision statement conveys our organization’s vision for the future. In essence, the vision statement indicates what the world will be like once we have accomplished our mission.

Mission: Our mission statement tells the world what the organization does.

Goal: Goal statements express a future condition or outcome.

Action: Action steps describe how the goals are accomplished. Actions are measurable, have a defined timeframe for completion, and are the responsibility of a particular committee or individual.

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CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC SECTION

Spring 2004 Meeting and Tour

Time	Activity	Speaker
	THURSDAY June 3, 2004	
10 – 12:00	Committee Meetings; Cal Pines Lodge	
1:00 – 5:00	Board of Directors Meeting; Cal Pines Lodge	
6:00 – 9:00	No-Host Bar and Dinner; Cal Pines Lodge	
	FRIDAY June 4, 2004	
8:30	Registration, Coffee and donuts; Cal Pines Lodge	
9:00	Welcome and Introductions	Henricus Jansen
9:15	Background and Overview of Planning Efforts for the Management of Western Juniper	Tim Burke, BLM Alturas
10:00	Participants leave Cal Pines Lodge for the Field Tour	
10:30	The Historical Role and Current Use of Fire in Sagebrush Steppe and Northern Juniper Woodland (North Graves Burn)	Paul Whitcome, BLM Susanville Mike Dolan, BLM Alturas
11:30	Means, Methods, Cost, and Benefits of Juniper Removal (Tule Lake Juniper Treatment Site)	Billy Flournoy, Grazing Permittee Don Lancaster, UCCE Alturas Dave Allen, Honey Lake Power
12:30	LUNCH at Dry Creek	
1:30	The Nature and Environmental Impacts of Western Juniper Encroachment on Sagebrush Steppe Vegetation and Natural Resources	Jim Young, ARS Reno Joe Wagner, BLM Lakeview Frank Hall, CDFG Susanville
2:45	Update on Cedar Creek/Tule Mtn IRMP: Riparian Management of Cedar Creek (Working Partnerships); Prescribed Burning at Cedar Creek; Sagebrush Steppe Prescribed Fire/Juniper Management; Herbicide Treatment Plots of Medusahead in Juniper Woodland Burn.	Tim Burke, BLM Alturas Paul Whitcome, BLM Susanville Billy Flournoy and Ken McGarva, Grazing Permittees Joe Wagner, BLM Lakeview Don Lancaster
4:30	Complete Tour at West Valley Fire Station	
5:00	Return California Pines Lodge	

New SRM CPRM Chair

The new SRM Certification as Professionals in Rangeland Management (CPRM) Committee Chair is our own James Bartolome, Ph.D. of UC Berkeley.

Thanks for your hard work and congratulations!

Check out the SRM Website at:

<http://www.rangelands.org>

Advertisement RDM FRAMES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

If you would like to own your own plot frame for use in sampling residual dry matter, forage yield, or frequency on annual-type rangeland or meadow, a limited number are available for purchase. Frames are brand new, 0.96 square foot in area (grams x 100 = lb/acre) sturdy square frames of welded steel, white baked enamel finish. Contact John Stechman at jstechma@calpoly.edu or 805-595-7941.

CAL-PAC Strategic Plan to be Finalized at June Meeting

Dan Macon

During its most recent meeting, the CAL-PAC board of directors completed work on the organization's draft strategic plan. The plan, developed over the course of the last 18 months, describes the Section's mission, vision and goals for the next 3 years. The plan also describes the actions that the organization will take to implement these goals.

The draft is included in this newsletter. Please review the draft and provide your comments to Liz Kellogg at liz@tierradata.com or Dan Macon at dan.macon@ca.usda.gov by May 14. The board of directors will finalize the strategic plan during the June meeting in Alturas.

SRM Directories

Copies of the CAL-PAC membership will be available with the next issue of *Needlegrass Notes* to our members. Please double check your contact information at <http://www.rangelands.org>.

Miss the Fall Meeting?

Susan Edinger Marshall

Then order a copy of the proceedings! The Society for Range Management California-Pacific Section Annual Fall Meeting, "Environmental Values and Economic Sustainability in the Eastern Sierra," October 16-18, 2003, at the Hunewill Guest Ranch, Bridgeport, proceedings are available now.

Send a check for \$8.50 payable to Cal-Pac Section SRM along with your name, address to:

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Rangeland Resources and
Wildland Soils Department
Humboldt State University
1 Harpst Street
Arcata CA 95521

Please specify if you would like a CD or Paper copy.

Call Susan Edinger-Marshall for more information at (707)826-4064

58th Annual SRM Meeting Fort Worth, Texas

February 5-11, 2005

SRM Annual Meeting Happenings



Membership Corner

New Members

Ken Churches, San Andres
Doug Elliott, Mi Wuk Village
Christina Pearson, Maxwell
Ken Churches, San Andreas
Joshua Brown, Arcata

Member in the News

Ceci Dale-Cesmat, Range Conservationist in Susanville, was named NRCS Outstanding Range Conservationist of the Year. Ceci was presented with the award by Dennis Thompson at the Society for Range Management Annual Meeting of in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was recognized for her excellence and outstanding achievements in rangeland conservation.

The March/April 2004 issue of the Natural Resource Conservation Service, *California Current Developments*, reported Ceci as saying, "I was very shocked and honored with this award. It is truly the highlight of my career. Everyday we at NRCS get to do work that we love to do, work that we have a passion for, and to receive an award for this is just so fantastic. My sincere appreciation to whomever nominated me. There are so many others equally deserving for their contribution to conservation."

Ceci worked with the U.S. Forest Service in the Lassen-Plumas area for 14 years before joining NRCS in 1986.

Congratulations Ceci!

IN MEMORIAM

*J.V. Stechman
Section Historian*

Allen Douglas Propst. Doug Propst died in February of 2004 at the age of 78. He was born in 1926 at Merino, Colorado where he grew up on a ranch. Following graduation with a BS from Colorado State University, Doug served with the US Navy, after which he worked as a herdsman with Win-Del Hereford Ranches in Montana, and later as a 4-H County Agent in Colorado. In 1953, Doug became Superintendent of Ranches on Catalina Island, California where he remained until 1993 when he retired to Alturas. A.D. Propst joined the California Section of SRM in 1955 and served on the Council (Board) in 1967-68 and as President in 1974. He was selected as Range Man of the Year in 1970 for his rehabilitation of range resources on the Island, and in 1972 was nominated as candidate for the SRM Board of Directors. Doug was a member of the Wildlife Society, VP of the Catalina Island Museum Association, and Past President of both the Avalon Rotary Club and the West Los Angeles Soil Conservation District. Doug will be remembered as a man of civility and congeniality.

William A. Williams. Dr. Bill Williams died in May of 2003 at the age of 80. Bill was born in 1922 in New York State where he attended high school and worked for IBM and, in the summers, on a family farm. He enrolled in the Agronomy Department at Cornell in 1941, departed to serve in the US Army, and returned in 1946 to complete his BS, MS and PhD degrees. Dr. Williams joined the staff at UC Davis Agronomy

Department in 1951 where he served until retirement in 1992 but continued to work as a Professor Emeritus until his death. Bill was revered as a mentor by his students, as a gracious friend, and as a benefactor to humanitarian efforts in California for more than 50 years. Dr. Williams earned a Fulbright Scholarship, received numerous NSF research grants, was an editor for McGraw-Hill, and a member of the Societies of Agronomy, Soil Science and Range Management, among other organizations. Although Bill did not serve as an SRM California Section officer, he frequently attended meetings, and made presentations, particularly regarding his special contributions related to introduced annual clovers of California.

Section Archives Seeking Historical Materials

John Stechman

John Stechman, Section Historian is seeking and soliciting copies of Spring and Fall Meeting Programs of our Section since 1990 (even 2003!), and photos of officers, speakers or special persons at field and annual meetings. Let's keep our history "up to date." Thanks for looking, and send any findings to John at PO Box 2211, Avila Beach, CA 93424.

**Visit the CAL-PAC Section
Website at:**

<http://www.casrm.org/>

***SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT, CALPAC SECTION
2004 Annual Meeting, November 10 - 12, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii***

“Agriculture and Natural Resource Tourism”

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, November 11

- 8:15 - 8:45 am. Registration and Check-in
8:45 - 8:55 am. Announcements and Introductions - Henricus Jansen, Past President, CALPAC section SRM
“Welcome” -Edie Jacobsen, President, CALPAC section SRM
Mick Castillo, West Hawaii Wildlife Management Organization.
8:55 - 9:00 am. Research/Projects on fire hazard reduction, using grazing, prescribed fire and herbicides.
9:00 - 9:30 am. Lisa Hadway, Hawaii Dept. Land and Natural Resources, Divn. of Forestry and Wildlife. Multiple use resource management of the historical Pu’u Wa’awa’a and Pu’u Anahulu areas.
9:30 - 10:00 am. **BREAK**
10:00 - 10:10 am. Earl Spence, Manager Kahuku Ranch - Perspectives on Kikuyu grass pasture stocking rates.
10:10 - 10:40 am. Patrick Conant, Hawaii Dept. of Agriculture - Research and current status of fireweed (*Senecio madagascariensis*) in Hawaii.
10:40 - 11:10 am. **BREAK**
11:10 - 11:20 am. Kent Fleming, University of Hawaii Ext. Specialist - Agro-tourism in Hawaii
11:20 - 11:50 am. **Annual Business Meeting – Cal-Pac, SRM and LUNCH**
12:00 - 1:30 pm. Richard M., Owner Waipio Adventure tours - History of ranching and the Poniolo in Hawaii.
1:30 - 2:00 pm. Dr. Billy Bergin, Paniolo Preservation Society - History of ranching and the Poniolo in Hawaii.
2:00 - 2:45 pm. **BREAK**
2:45 - 3:00 pm. Patrick Fisher, Parker Ranch Hunt Club - Bird hunting opportunities on the Parker Ranch.
3:00 - 3:30 pm. Rob Pacheco, Owner Hawaiian Nature Trails.
3:30 - 4:00 pm. Pono Von Holt, Owner Pono Holo Ranch - Eco-tourism on the Pono Holo Ranch.
4:00 - 4:30 pm. **Questions and Wrap-up** - Joe May and Bill Frost, Henricus Jansen, Meeting Coordinator
4:30 - 5:00 pm. **NO-HOST COCKTAILS**
6:00 - 7:00 pm. **DINNER AND AUCTIONS (Silent and Live)**
7:00 - 10:00 pm.

Friday, November 12 Field Trip Session (Details to Follow)

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