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President's Message

Mitch Perdue

My name is Mitch Perdue and I have the honor of serving as the CAL-PAC president for the 2005/6 year. First off, I would like to thank Edie Jacobsen as outgoing president, Dan Macon as outgoing past president and KC Pasero and Dave Kelley as outgoing board of directors for their energy and service to the CAL-PAC Section. This past two years we enjoyed awesome meetings at Hearst Castle, Hunewill Ranch, the Sierra Foothills Research and Extension Center, Alturus and Kona. Those functions have set the high watermark for professional meetings. Under their watch, the Section completed the first ever 5-year Strategic Plan, assisted in getting our state grass *Nassella pulchra* dedicated and made progress toward a working relationship within the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI). Thank you again for your tireless effort and support for the CAL-PAC Section.

The Strategic Plan was adopted at the spring meeting in Kona and has set some very lofty goals for the CALPAC Section. Some of which would have sent other organizations and Sections shaking in their boots at the prospect of accomplishing so much. But we are the CAL-PAC Section. The Section that pulled off a National meeting 2000 miles away under adverse conditions and under intense national scrutiny. The meeting was a resounding success and has become the meeting, against which all others are judged. Hosting the national meeting served to re-energize the Section and to stimulate member participation. I truly feel that the implementation of the Strategic Plan can stimulate the same interest and involvement as we stand up the different committees. The Strategic Plan is included in this newsletter. Please take a moment to look though and see which initiatives you want to lend your talents to.

As Strategic Plans go, this is the best I have seen in years. The goals are actually attainable and are concise enough to be implemented in a year. The board and Committee chairs have reviewed the priorities for this year and are included

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below. Along with the Strategic Plan are some other priorities that I feel strongly about and I think are doable for this year. These tasks cannot be accomplished without your help. And now that we have successfully integrated with Hawaii and the rest of the Pacific, we need to think a little more globally when we address issues.

Here is our to-do list for the year:

- Implement Strategic Plan Goals and Actions for 2005/6
 - Member Service for Professional Development/Leadership
 - Research, Technology and Technical Assistance
 - Public Outreach
 - Public Policy
 - Organizational Capacity and Health
- Fully integrate our new Hawaii members into Section activities
- Maintain Quality Meetings
- Foster and Maintain Professional Society Partnerships
- College Recruitment and Outreach
- Promote Range Camp

The next few months will be busy ones. Along with the implementation of the Strategic Plan, we will be nominating members for the CAL-PAC president and board of directors. This is a tremendous opportunity to get involved in these exciting times.

Once again, please take a look at the Strategic Plan and find a committee or action that you may be interested in helping.

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<http://www.rangelands.org>

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President-elect: **John Harper**
Royce Larson
(Vote for One)

Directors: **Jon Gustafson**
Joseph May
Donna Reed
(Vote for Two)

Your Ballot Must be Received by August 15, 2005.

Please Use Tape – Do not Staple

**Alameda County Rancher, Tim Koopmann
is Recipient of 2004 Society for Range
Management's Excellence in Range
Management Award**

The Alameda County Resource Conservation District proudly nominated and the California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management reviewed applications and unanimously selected Tim Koopmann of Sunol, CA as the recipient of the 2004 Excellence in Range Management Award which was presented at the California Cattlemen's Annual Convention in Sacramento showing them what he has done and explaining why and challenging them to give him a better answer. Instead of shying away from these challenges, he has chosen to embrace them, designing his ranching operations around a set of comprehensive natural resource protection measures and successfully implemented a ranch management plan that also provides a measure of viability. Grazing management is implemented on a field by field basis not only to improve forage production; but to support a wide variety of habitats: Johnny Jumpups for the endangered Callippe Silverspot butterfly, seasonal grazing to promote movement of the Threatened Tiger Salamander, limited establishment of ground squirrels to support local populations of Golden Eagles, pond spillway repair and pond de-silting plans are designed to improve water quality and protect the habitat for the California Red Legged Frog and the pond turtle plus strategic fence placement to protect water quality with timed grazing. Tim has utilized multiple programs to address his conservation and operation objectives including NRCS-EQIP cost share programs, EPA 319 grant, habitat mitigation and conservation easements plus NRCS's Grassland Reserve Program. In establishing the positive benefits of working cooperatively with agencies, groups and the general public Tim has shown fellow landowners how to improve the viability of their operations. He has also shown regulatory agencies, special interest groups, and the public at large the tremendous environmental benefits that are provided by resource sensitive viable agricultural operations. He is a dedicated professional who advances sound range

management and is very deserving of this prestigious award.

Fall Meeting Announcement

Managing Opportunities and Constraints in
Working Landscapes
Marconi Center, Marin County

Nov 2-4, 2005

The fall meeting planning is coming together nicely. Stephanie Larson and Jon Gustafson have put together a terrific agenda focusing on agriculture and grazing in Marin County.

Wednesday will be an afternoon Board of Directors meeting. Thursday we will have our General Session and Technical Forum. Friday we will tour the Pt Reyes National Seashore. Our proposed agenda is attached.

We are proposing the meeting at a beautiful facility the Marconi Center. It will provide us with a wonderful backdrop much like our Bridgeport meeting. Lodging and meals are included. Other lodging is some distance away and early registration is a must. We will be sending out registration details in July/August.

Candidates for President

John M. Harper

University of California Cooperative Extension
Livestock & Natural Resources Advisor for
Mendocino/Lake Counties

John matriculated at both UC Davis and the University of Arizona. His undergraduate degree is in animal science and agricultural economics with emphasis in business management. His graduate studies were in range management and his thesis research was on grazing behavior. He is a member of both the Society for Range Management and the American Society for Animal Science as well as being the editor for the California Pacific Section's web pages for the Society of Range Management. He holds license #23 as a Certified Rangeland Manager by the California Board of Forestry and is also a Certified Rangeland Professional. In the past he

has been a Cal-Pac Director and has served on the awards committee. Presently he is the secretary for the Mendocino/Lake Wool Growers Association and is *ad hoc* Director of the Mendocino County Cattlemen's Association. He currently is the livestock and natural resources advisor for Mendocino and Lake Counties. He also serves as County Director for Mendocino County. His career with UCCE has spanned 12 years and his Extension career, which began in Arizona, has spanned 21 years.

John's recent research and educational programs have focused on rangeland water quality, riparian revegetation, grazing distribution and ecological site descriptions, collaborating with Advisors and Specialists within UCCE and with NRCS personnel. The UCCE Rangeland Water Quality Shortcourse has been taught in Mendocino County since 1994 and over 63,000 acres owned by county residents have completed the course. This represents over 170 people including over 45 landowners who have additionally taken low maintenance ranch roads courses. As part of the Rangeland Water quality Short Course, John created a computerized water quality plan that has enabled the participating rangeland owners to meet regulations required by TMDL implementation plans set forth by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Royce Larson

University of California Cooperative Extension
Watershed and Natural Resource Advisor

I have been a member of SRM since 1988. I joined while attending graduate school at Oregon State University. I completed a hydrology degree at Utah State University, and M.S. and Ph.D. in Rangeland Resources - Watershed Management at Oregon State University. I have been a member of the California Pacific Section since 1993. I served as a Board member for the California Pacific Section, and on the National Riparian Committee, from 2000-2003. I achieved my certification as a Rangeland Manager (#81) from the Board of Forestry, State of California, and as a Certified Professional in Rangeland Management from the Society for Range Management. I have presented many papers at the Society for Range

Management annual meetings and at the California Pacific Section meetings.

I currently work as the Area Watershed and Natural Resource Advisor for the University of California Cooperative Extension in the Central Coast. My work includes research and educational programs concerning water quality issues on rangelands. I have taught the Ranch Water Quality Short Course for 7 years. This has been a very successful program for the Central Coast helping ranchers identify water quality problems. Through the short course we teach ranchers how to develop a water quality plan, how to implement best management practices to protect water quality and how to monitor. For this work I received the Conservation Award from the Upper Salinas Las Tablas RCD, and Employee of the year award from the Rotary club of San Luis Obispo. I believe the California Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management plays a critical role in providing leadership and technical assistance needed to help solve many issues on California rangelands.

Candidates for Director

Jon Gustafson

Natural Resource Conservation Service
California State Rangeland Management
Specialist

I am currently the California State Rangeland Management Specialist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. I have held this position since 2003 and previously served in the NRCS Petaluma Field Office as Rangeland Management Specialist serving Sonoma and Marin Counties starting in 1998. I have worked as a Range Technician with both the US Forest Service and the National Park Service before beginning my career with NRCS.

I work closely with the California Grazing Lands Coalition and am a founding member of the Point Reyes Seashore Ranchers Association. Although my current ties to agriculture come through the NRCS, I worked in an Arizona dairy in teens and on an apple farm in Eureka while earning my BS

in Rangeland Management from Humboldt State University.

The largest challenge I see facing SRM in our section is a critical wane in educational resources available to students interested in the science and art of rangeland management. I view this in part as resulting from a decline in the connection between the various sectors of the livestock industry and the SRM. This may be mostly attributed to societal changes such as rancher demographics and environmental regulation, but as a section we have an opportunity to bridge this gap.

Joseph May

State Range Management Specialist
Natural Resource Conservation Service

My name is Joseph May. I am honored to be running for a director for the California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management.

I am currently the State Range Management Specialist for NRCS in Hawaii. I have been in Hawaii almost 5 years. I prepared the original rangeland ecological site descriptions for the Island of Hawaii, and developed an expertise in subtropical and tropical forages. I began my career with NRCS back in 1989 in New Mexico. I have also worked in Wyoming with NRCS. I earned a B.S. in Range Ecology with a Minor in Soil Resources and Conservation from Colorado State University in 1988. Prior to attending college I completed an enlistment in the U.S. Army. I am originally from southern Colorado.

I have been a member of SRM since 1986. I worked cooperatively with John Stechman and Ken Fulgham to ensure the inclusion of Hawaii into the former California Section. I have always believed that with Hawaii's strong ranching heritage and diverse rangelands that it only be appropriate to include Hawaii in Society for Range Management. I assisted the California-Pacific Section in the annual 2001 national meeting in Kona, and the Section meeting held this past November in Kona. I have also worked with the California-Pacific Section to ensure membership of the Section into the newly formed

Hawaii Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) Coalition.

Donna Reed

Rangeland Management Specialist
USDA Forest Service

Thank you for considering my run for the State Board of Directors for California Pacific's SRM Section. I would bring an interesting palette of experiences to the Director's table – from my life in the private sector's livestock industry, to that of a *Range Con.* for the USDA Forest Service. My management philosophy is to listen objectively to all sides of an issue (*even the seemingly ridiculous sides*), find merit and value in individual views (*even the seemingly ridiculous views*), and help find workable solutions that embrace all the varied interests involved (*and sometimes, the seemingly ridiculous solutions are best!*).

Upon receiving my BS in Rangeland Science, I was awarded "Outstanding Senior" of my graduating class at University of Idaho. I am an active member of a Family Corporation Ranch in eastern Oregon that grazes cattle, logs timber, and produces orchard grass/timothy hay. In the private sector, I worked on the Matador and Beef Trail Ranches of western Montana; I was the State Grazing Advisor for Washington GLCI, supervised by Washington Cattlemen's Association; I was Baker County Oregon's Noxious Weed Supervisor; and I operated my own custom haying operation and monitored grazing utilization for several area cattle ranchers. As an agency employee, I have worked as a Rangeland Management Specialist for the USDA Forest Service in Oregon, Montana, Utah, Nevada, and now California. I have 15 years of service in and look forward to 15 more. I'd be honored to bring my experiences to Cal-Pac's State Board of Directors.

(Even the seemingly ridiculous experiences!)

Cal-Pac 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>.

Society for Range Management

California-Pacific Section

Strategic Plan

Adopted: November 11, 2004

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 benefiting the Section. This process will link our strategic, tactical, business, and financial plans together for an integrated, focused path 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.

What is our Mission?

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

- Leadership
- Sound Science
- Professional Development
- Continuing Education
- Technical Assistance
- Interdisciplinary Collaboration
- Constructive Interchange among diverse interests.

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 and proper watershed functioning.
- Rangeland management must be economically viable.
- 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.

- Sound land use policy is essential to rangeland health and sustainability. Rangeland management can support multiple public policy and conservation objectives on public lands.
- 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.
- 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.

Goals and Actions

Goal Subject Areas:

Goal 1: Member Service for Professional Development/Leadership

Goal 2: Research, Technology, and Technical Assistance

Goal 3: Public Outreach

Goal 4: Public Policy

Goal 5: Organizational capacity and health

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.

Goal 1: 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: Professional Affairs, CRM Panel, Board, educators
Deadline: 2005
Measure of Success: Use of study guide

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

Responsibility: Jim Bartolome, Leonard Jolley, Dan Sendak
Deadline: 2005
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: Past-President, Meetings Committee Chair, Board
Deadline: 2006
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 that coincides with national SRM Certified Professional in Range Management program.

Responsibility: Professional Affairs Committee, CRM Panel
Deadline: 2006
Measure of Success: Participation in meetings/workshops

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

Responsibility: Professional Affairs Committee, CRM Panel
Deadline: 2006
Measure of Success: Participation in meetings/workshops

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

Responsibility: Information and Education Committee
Deadline: 2005
Measure of Success: Number of mentors and "mentees"

Goal 2: Support high quality and sustained rangeland research, and prompt synthesis and dissemination of research results that further the vision of Cal-Pac SRM. Provide technical assistance to rangeland users, planners, and managers that empowers them to achieve the Cal-Pac SRM vision.

The Section advocates (e.g. would provide letters of support for) certain types of research proposals, such as long-term studies or those that include a synthesis oriented to the rangeland manager. Other rangeland research is also valuable, but syntheses and long-term studies have historically been more difficult to fund.

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

- Technical assistance
- 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 on the website.

Responsibility: Information and Education Committee, John Harper

Deadline: 2007

Measure of Success: Increased use of website

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

Responsibility: Professional Affairs

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: Awards or Information & Education committees

Deadline: 2007

Measure of Success: Placement in publications and readership

Goal 3: 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 & Education Committee
Deadline: Spring 2005
Measure of Success: Number of events

Action: Form partnerships and collaborate with other professional organizations to build attendance and effectiveness of annual meetings. Hold joint meetings. Encourage participation in other society meetings by purchasing exhibit space.

Responsibility: Meetings Comm., Board, Information & Education Comm.
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, FFA leaders, high school agricultural teachers, and 4-H leaders. Support a range management educational element in high school agricultural curriculum.

Responsibility: Information & Education Comm., Range Camp Comm.
Deadline: 2005
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).
- Supporting a range management educational element in high school agricultural classes (see PowerPoint™ presentation, above).

Responsibility: Information & Education Comm., Range Camp Comm.
Deadline: 2005
Measure of Success: Range Camp participation

Goal 4: Improve public policy decisions by educating policy makers and addressing issues critical to accomplishing the vision of 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.] See also SRM "Advocacy Guidelines" July, 2002.

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

Responsibility: Public Affairs Committee

Deadline: March 2005

Measure of Success: Response

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: Number of announcements to Section membership through *Needlegrass Notes* regarding issues, comment periods. Contact of Section by agencies.

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: December 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, Meetings Committee

Deadline: October 2005

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

Goal 5: 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 numbers

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: 2006 Annual Meeting

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. [See Article 7, Sec 2 of Bylaws—President appoints an ad hoc committee at Fall meeting.]

Responsibility: Board of Directors (bylaws change), President

Deadline: Fall 2004

Measure of Success: Standardization and quality of financial records

SRM Annual Meeting Happenings



Membership Corner

New Members

Dr. Billy C. Bergin, Kamuela, HI
Rebecca N. Handy – Student, Moscow, ID
Joe J. Pozzi, Sebastopol, CA
Melissa D. Green – Student, Arbutle, CA
Julie A. Finzel, Oceanside, CA
Mike Bradway – Student, Stafford Springs, CT
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Heather D. Mobley – Student, Reno, NV
Joseph A. Roberts, Eureka, CA
Nicholas M. Gallagher, Woodland, CA
Stephen M. Munson, Bend, OR

Second Notice: 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, 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/>

Range Camp

Mitch Perdue

We had another great Range Camp this year. Once again the core planning team put together an excellent camp with awesome trips and experiences at the Haulbrich Ranch, Purisma Creek Reserve, the beach and Town Hall Meeting. We thank all of our speakers and supporters for taking the time again this year to share their experience, knowledge and concern for our next generation of range and natural resource managers (and informed citizens!).

Our top campers this year were:
Tied for First Place: Lindsay Warzecka (Davis)
and Katherine Olen (St. Helena), and in
Third Place: Ali Fernandez (Half Moon Bay)

Since Lindsay and Ali have both graduated from high school, we will be offering the expense-paid trips to the High School Youth Forum at the SRM annual meeting in Vancouver, BC, in February 2006, to Katherine and to Nicole Graham (Danville). William Cook (Montague) will also be invited to fill our third slot but his trip is not fully covered.

A special thanks to Rod Tripp, Marc Horney, Gayle Smith and Julie & Perry Finzel for staying the entire week!



**Spring Meeting Pictures
Hearst Ranch**



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