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## President's Message

*Henricus Jansen*

Within a little over a month's time we will meet again for our annual meeting. It has been well over 20 years (1981) since we had a fall meeting in the Bishop-Bridgeport area. Our last spring meeting there was in 1994, and I remember looking at well-watered pastures with meandering streams, the production of trophy-sized trout for recreational fishing on rangeland streams, and spectacular aspen stands. Dan Macon and Rick Delmas have put together a splendid program that emphasizes rangeland management for environmental and economic health in working landscapes. Have a look at the program in this issue and register as soon as possible.

Thursday evening, before the start of the general meeting on Friday, the Board of Directors and interested members will have a second meeting to further develop the Section's Strategic Plan. Please have a look at the Strategic Planning Update in this newsletter and

contact Dan if you like to attend this important meeting. As a section we must have a clear idea where we want to go and how we are going to get there.

If you haven't yet voted for the two new directors and new president-elect then your ballots are still in the previous newsletter (Issue 49:3). If you have lost your newsletter you can find it on the web. Send in your ballots, they are due by October 1.

As the end of my term as president of the California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management comes to an end, I want to thank all of you for support and for your continued membership in a professional organization which means so much to us. Thank you!

See you next month in Bridgeport.

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## **STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE**

*Dan Macon,  
Immediate Past President*

The California-Pacific Section's Strategic Planning Committee will meet on the evening of October 16 at the Hunewill Ranch in Bridgeport to review and finalize the organization's strategic plan. During our 2002 annual meeting in Coalinga, we discussed the following mission statement options:

Option 1: "The mission of the California-Pacific Section is to promote responsible rangeland resource management and policy through professional leadership, education, consultation and facilitation."

Option 2: "The mission of the California-Pacific Section is to promote responsible rangeland resource management through professional leadership, education, technical assistance, coordination and facilitation."

We described our vision for the future as follows:

"The vision of the California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management is to have healthy and sustainable rangeland ecosystems with [alternative, providing] with open space, clean air and water, biological diversity and balanced economic opportunities for rural communities."

To implement our mission and vision, we discussed a number of objectives, which I have grouped into 6 broad goals:

- Support technical assistance and research
- Provide opportunities for professional development
- Sustain and grow the organization
- Provide public outreach and education
- Address critical public policy issues
- Develop partnerships and promote collaboration

Our next step will be to synthesize and prioritize objectives for each of these goals and to develop actions that will implement these objectives over the next several years. Following our October 16 meeting, a draft strategic plan will be presented to the entire membership for its review and recommendations. We hope to have our plan finalized in early 2004.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, **or if you would like to attend the meeting in October**, please contact me at (530) 823-5687, extension 115, or [dan.macon@ca.usda.gov](mailto:dan.macon@ca.usda.gov).

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## **SRM 2004 Annual Meeting**

Salt Lake City, Utah, January 24-30, 2004.

**ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMICS IN THE EASTERN SIERRA  
2003 FALL MEETING  
October 16-18 – Bridgeport, California**

As range professionals, how can we best balance the need for environmental and economic health in the communities we serve? Can improving environmental health actually enhance economic health (and vice versa)? The 2003 Meeting Committee has developed an exciting agenda for the fall meeting that will help all of us answer these critical questions!

The 2003 California-Pacific Section Fall Meeting at the beautiful and historic Hunewill Ranch in Bridgeport, California, on October 16-18. The theme of this year's annual meeting will be "Environmental Values and Economic Sustainability in the Eastern Sierra." The tentative agenda is provided below:

Thursday, October 16

10 a.m. – 12 noon	Committee Meetings
12 noon – 1:30 p.m.	Board/Committee Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.	Strategic Planning Dinner

Friday, October 17

8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
9 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome – Stan Hunewill, Hunewill Ranch
9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Geology of the Eastern Sierra Nevada – speaker to be confirmed
9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Nutrient Loading in Crowley Lake – Dan Dawson, Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Wildlife of the Eastern Sierra – Steve Nelson, BLM
11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Rangelands and Ranching in the Eastern Sierra – Jim Young, USDA Agricultural Research Service
11:30 a.m. – 12 noon	Questions and Answers with Morning Speakers
12:00 noon – 2 p.m.	Lunch (including business meeting and invited speaker)
2 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Conservation Easements on Rangeland – Devere Dressler, Board Member – California Rangeland Trust, and John Lacey, Centennial Ranch
2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Agriculture and Nature Tourism – Holly George, UCCE, and Hunewill Ranch
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Break
3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Niche Markets for Beef – Roger Ingram, UCCE, and Carolyn Carey, Western Ranchers Beef
4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Questions and Answers with Afternoon Speakers
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Social Hour and Silent Auction
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.	Annual Banquet – Paul Starrs, University of Nevada Reno (keynote speaker) Live Auction

Saturday, October 18

8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Field Tour 1: Horseback Tour of Bridgeport Valley (with updates on water quality research, conservation easements and recreation/tourism issues)
	Field Tour 2: Bodie State Park (resource management on state parks)

Fall is the best time to visit the Eastern Sierra – make your plans now to attend the 2003 Fall Meeting! Also, be sure to reserve your copy of the proceedings from this meeting – see the registration form for details.

If you have questions, please contact meeting chair Dan Macon at (530) 823-5687 extension 115 or [dan.macon@ca.usda.gov](mailto:dan.macon@ca.usda.gov).

## California-Pacific Section, Society for Range Management Fall Meeting

The Annual Fall Meeting will be held at the HUNEWILL RANCH near Bridgeport, CA during 16-18 October 2003. **BOTH** reservations must be made by **3 October 2003**.

The schedule of events will be as follows:

Thursday – 0900 to 1200 – CALPAC Section Committee Meetings and REGISTRATION

Thursday – 1300 to 1800 – CALPAC Section BOD Meeting

Thursday – 1800-2200 – CALPAC Strategic Planning Session– Phase 2

Friday – 0730 to 0830 – GENERAL REGISTRATION

Friday – 0830 to 1200 – General Program Meeting I

Friday – 1200 to 1330 – CALPAC Section Business Luncheon and Speaker

Friday – 1330 to 1800 – General Program Meeting II

Friday – 1800 to 1930 – CALPAC Section Membership Social

Friday – 1930 to 2200 – CALPAC Section Banquet, Speaker, Awards and Auctions

Saturday – 0800 to 1500 – Field Tours #01 and #02

Hunewill Ranch ([www.hunewillranch.com](http://www.hunewillranch.com)) is an old-time family ranch was founded in 1861 and is located on the northeast side of Yosemite National Park. It has been attracting guests since 1930. The ranch is situated in Bridgeport Valley located about 5 miles southwest of town. The ranch runs about 1200 head of cattle and 60 sheep. Fishing can be found on local spring-fed streams and a small lake located on the ranch. The Hunewills are great hosts and are offering a wonderfully relaxing setting and accommodations for our 2003 Annual Fall Meeting. A horseback tour of the Hunewill and Centennial Ranches has been proposed for Saturday if enough riders register. An alternate self-drive road tour will proceed to Bodie State Park.

Here are the daily menus–

THURSDAY	<p><b>Breakfast</b> of eggs Benedict, fresh fruit, pastries, oatmeal, cold cereals, yogurt, orange juice, coffee, tea, milk.</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> of Chinese chicken salad, salad bar, clam chowder, home baked bread and cookies, coffee, tea, milk, lemonade, iced tea.</p> <p><b>Dinner</b> of roasted pork loin, rice pilaf, steamed vegetables, green salad, home baked bread and pie with ice cream, coffee, tea, milk, lemonade, ice tea.</p>
FRIDAY	<p><b>Breakfast</b> of pancakes (plain, blueberry, or chocolate chip), bacon, fresh fruit, yogurt, oatmeal, cold cereals, various beverages.</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> of lasagna, salad bar, fresh baked bread and cookies, molded jello salad, various beverages.</p> <p><b>Dinner</b> of steak, twice baked potatoes, steamed veggies, fresh baked bread, salad, strawberry cream cheese brownie dessert, various beverages.</p>
SATURDAY	<p><b>Breakfast</b> of quiche, sausages, pastries, oatmeal, cold cereals, yogurt, orange juice, coffee, tea, milk.</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> of beef fajitas, rice, beans, chips, homemade salsa, veggie platter, cookies, various beverages.</p>

Please complete the Annual Meeting Registration form and return, with check payable to CALPAC Section -- SRM, to POB 383, Arcata, CA 95518 no later than **3 October 2003**. You can register by e-mail at: **fulghamk@humboldt.edu**, and pay at the door.

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**ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Companion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

CALPAC Registration Fee: \$25.00/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Late Registration Fee - After 3 October: \$40.00/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meeting Proceedings (Paper or CD - circle one) \$8.00/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT PAID:** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 Please complete the Room and Food Registration form and return to Betsy at the Hunewill Ranch, POB 368, Bridgeport, CA 93517. You can also call **1-760-932-7710** and make reservation by phone or **FAX** the form to **1-760-932-1933**. Request **CALPAC SECTION - SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT** when making reservations.  
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**HUNEWILL ROOM AND FOOD REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Companion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

LODGING: Single occupancy/night = \$60.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ nights = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Double occupancy/person/night = \$80.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ nights = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Triple occupancy/night = \$100.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ nights = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Room tax of 12.00%) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

THURSDAY FOOD: Breakfast = \$12.75 X \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lunch = \$13.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dinner = \$22.50 X \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Food tax is 7.25%) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FRIDAY FOOD: Breakfast = \$12.75 X \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Lunch = \$13.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Food tax is 7.25%) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SATURDAY HORSEBACK TOUR: \$55.00/person X \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL =** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Range Manager of the Year & Excellence in Range Management -- Nominations Due September 20<sup>th</sup>***

*Holly George*

There are LOTS of people out there doing wonderful things re: rangeland management. We need to help tell the good stories and acknowledge the accomplishments of colleagues. I know everyone is busy; but, please take a few minutes to nominate successful land stewards and range managers for these SRM Section awards.

*Excellence in Rangeland Management* is to recognize operators/managers for their stewardship practices of rangeland as demonstrated by sustained productivity of livestock, wildlife, water, wood products, and aesthetic values. Nominations for this award can be made by members of the Society or non-members who are acquainted with the operators' management practices.

*Range Manager of the Year (RMOY)* is generally intended for Section members who have been active in Society affairs at local, state or national levels, but anyone who has made a substantial contribution to range management, regardless of affiliation, is eligible. Any member of the Section in good standing may nominate a candidate for RMOY.

Nominations must be accompanied by a statement of not over 200 words outlining the nominee's activities and contributions which merit this recognition.

Electronic copies of forms should be sent to Holly George, [hageorge@ucdavis.edu](mailto:hageorge@ucdavis.edu).

Deadline for submitting is September 20th. Copies of the nomination forms were in the last issue of Needlegrass Notes. If you can't locate your copy, contact Holly.

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**Ballots are due  
October 1, 2003.**

**Please submit your  
ballot, to Susan  
Edinger-Marshall, by  
October 1, 2003.**

***MEMBERSHIP CORNER***

***A note from Leslie***

I am asking that you put a request in your next newsletter saying that SRM still has over 1000 members who have not given us their email address. I have sent 3 post cards from here and it was in the Trail Boss News for 6 months. Maybe a request directly from the each section will be get the job done. You can ask the members to contact me directly and I will put the information in the their member record.

We are in a transition period, by Feb. 2004, the Member Resource News will be completely electronic - no hard copies. I can send out hard copies now if someone does not have email. This is not a choice. If a member has email we are asking that they receive the monthly newsletter that way. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

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Paul Roche, Badger

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