... bringing people together since 2006 to better understand and appreciate Rancher Stewardship in California’s rangelands!
Steering Committee’s recent actions

- Actively seeking a new fiscal sponsor and/or forming a foundation
- Adopted Statement of Purpose that reconfirms our statewide interests and our purpose in promoting dialogue about rangelands and ranching
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(adopted November 2015)

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Facilitating respectful dialogue - 2005 - 2015

• 10 Summits with diverse themes
• Alliance with 3 Rustici Symposia
• 20 tours to rangelands around California
• Legislative and Agency
• Presentations to diverse organizations and workshops
Fostering mutual understanding - 2005 - 2015

• Publications and other resources are available on the website.
• Submitted letters to UCANR in support of rangeland and livestock advisor positions
• Eupdate – 1675 subscribers
• Facebook – 780 subscribers
• Website
• Ranch and Rangeland Tours
Defining common ground - 2005 -2015
List of summit topics

• Wildfire & Rangeland Management
• Collaborative Conservation,
• Keeping Rangelands & Ranches Viable for Wetlands, Wildlife & Water
• Today’s Rangeland Management- Integrating Science, Practices, Partnerships & Policy; & Rustici Forum

• Ecosystem Services in Practice & Rustici Forum
• Ranchers-Exploring Incentives for Rangeland Preservation
• Rediscovering Rangelands
• Expanding the Rangeland Horizon
• (Diverse topics, not themed 2006-2008)
Catalyzing collaboration where feasible
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• Wildlife-Friendly Livestock Pond project in 2 counties. Goals: 67 ponds, demonstrable progress toward regional species recovery, tangible benefit to grassland management and livestock production

• Some signatories are developing new ranch income sources

• USDA easement programs are more suitable for CA

• Interagency solution with landowners on Tri-Colored Blackbird issue
People care about ranchers and rangelands

- Facebook has 780 followers. Posts about ranchers are most read and shared.
- Eupdate is read within 2 days by 30% of subscribers.
- New subscriptions with Summit news.
Does the Coalition Matter?

Yes, it matters that all rangeland stakeholders have reputable and effective
• forums for dialogue among diverse interests, and
• resources for information about healthy rangelands and viable ranching.

“We may not agree on everything, but we can focus on the 80% where we do agree.”
Does the Coalition Matter?

Yes, common understanding of rangelands and rancher stewardship is making a difference.

• Some public and NGO landowners are reinstating grazing and their management plans are improving.
• A Bay Area land trust has decided not to sell its property to State Parks so as to better manage it.
• CRCC leads a rangeland work group for the Governor’s Office and participates in various forums to represent rangelands
• Ranchers have access to broad audience of rangeland stakeholders to share information and discuss issues
Defining common ground - 2005 - 2015

CRCC participates in or supports research.

• Economics Analysis of Benefits of Habitat Conservation on CA Rangelands
• The TNC Vernal Pool Research was revealed at a Summit
• Facilitates grants with Signatories that benefit ranchers
• Facilitated survey with CCA and Farm Bureau rancher members and UC Rangeland Watershed Lab that has led to 3 important documents
What’s next?

- More tours around the state
- TNC is seeking feedback on CA Rangelands Program
- Continuing advocacy for rangelands
- Ongoing research by various Signatories on new income streams
2016 Rangeland Summit – You’re Invited!

Wildfire & Rangeland Management – Mediating Impacts to Conservation & Ranching

January 21: Choice of Tours & Evening Social
January 22: Summit in Stockton

Co-sponsor: University of California
Agriculture and Natural Resources

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