



... 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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 - *Facilitate respectful dialogue,*
 - *Foster mutual understanding,*
 - *Define common ground, and*
 - *Catalyze collaboration where feasible.*

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

2005 -2015

- 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

Details Coming via E-update (subscribe on the website carangeland.org)

A young brown and white cow stands in a shallow pond in a grassy field. The cow is facing right and its reflection is visible in the water. The background shows a line of trees under a clear sky.

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