

Central Coast Rangeland Coalition
Valuing and Funding Rangeland Stewardship
Paying for Ecosystem Services

Thursday, April 18, 2024
Eames Ranch, Petaluma, CA

- 8:30 Registration and coffee (Eames Ranch Barn).**
- 9:00 Welcome, opening remarks.**
Lizzie Wallack & Benjamin Godfrey, Eames Ranch
Sheila Barry, University of California Cooperative Extension
Grey Hayes, Moderator, CalPoly Swanton Pacific Ranch
Small Group Introductions
- 9:40 Valuing Rancher Stewards, Moderator, Stephanie Larson PhD, UCCE**
Shifting the Dialogue, Byron Palmer & Aaron Gilliam, Sonoma Mountain Institute
Cost of grazing to manage habitat. Steven Pozzi, Rancher
Value of grazing for fire fuels reduction. Genoa Starrs, UC ANR Informatics and GIS
Morning Break
- 10:40 Funding Opportunities, Moderator, Stephanie Larson PhD, UCCE**
Agoro Carbon Alliance
Generating carbon credits for ranch income, Jake Tilden-Browning,
USDA NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program- funding for rangeland stewardship,
Allan Bower, State Range Conservationist
CalFire Fire Prevention Grants- funding for grazing to manage fuels,
Cyrus Najarzadeh and Shaiyal Kumar, Calfire
Land Smart Grazing Program- funding for grazing management in Sonoma County,
William Hart, Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District
Small Group Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch**
- Station 1 – Rancher Perspective-** Byron Palmer, Aaron Gilliam and Ben Sims
Cost and Opportunities for Targeted Grazing using virtual fencing
- Station 2 – Conservation Lands Manager and Agency Perspective**
Paying for grazing to manage habitat, Land Trust
Prescribed grazing practice, USDA NRCS
- Station 3 – Research and Demonstration-** Theresa Becchetti, UCCE
Yellow starthistle and Medusahead control with grazing
- Closing**
- 4:15 Program ends**