You are invited to attend this webcast featuring presentations from the Drought Monitor authors about how the drought location and severity mapping is conducted, how the map is used in determining qualifications for drought assistance, and how on-the-ground California data from rangelands can be included in weekly drought maps.

AGENDA
9:15 a.m. Registration and Refreshments

9:50 a.m. Welcome - Ken Tate, UC Davis and UC Cooperative Extension

10:00 a.m. U.S. Drought Monitor Background and Discussion
  - Mark Svoboda, National Drought Mitigation Center - Brad Rippey, USDA
  - Brian Fuchs, National Drought Mitigation Center - Chad McNutt, NOAA

12:00 p.m. Lunch Provided by the UCD Rustici Rangeland Endowments

1:00 p.m. California Ranchers’ Experiences with Drought - Leslie Roche, UC Davis
  Insights to on-ranch drought impacts, outlooks, and management based on surveys and interviews of over 500 ranchers living through this drought.

1:30 p.m. New Livestock Drought Feeding Strategies - Glenn Nader, UC Cooperative Extension
  Tips for improving the nutritional quality of low quality feed products, and supplementing livestock diets on rangelands.

2:00 p.m. Seasonal Climate Forecast and Opportunity for Q&A’s for the Coming Season
  - Michael Anderson, California State Climatologist, California Department of Water Resources

2:30 p.m. Closing Remarks - Tim Koopmann, President, California Cattlemen’s Association

Agenda Topics Include:
- What the U.S. Drought Monitor means for ranchers
- How California’s ranchers are coping with the drought
- New feeding strategies for livestock in drought regions
- NOAA’s weather forecast for the coming forage growing season