

Central Coast Rangeland Coalition Spring 2026 Meeting: Forage, Water, and Fence

Technologies Benefitting Ranchers and Rangeland Managers



Save the Date!

Thursday April 16, 2026, 8:00 am-4:00 pm
Las Piletas Preserve, Carrizo Plains

Join the Central Coast Rangeland Coalition at The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) Las Piletas Ranch Preserve- a 13,500-acre working cattle ranch and living laboratory for conservation innovation. The preserve straddles the north Carrizo Plain and the headwaters of the Salinas River watershed and hosts pronghorn, tule elk, San Joaquin kit fox, and rare plants to name a few. TNC partners with its neighbor at Carrizo Ranch to meet annual management goals through cattle grazing.

TNC and Carrizo Ranch utilize a broad suite of technologies to support planning, management, and monitoring for wildlife and habitat, grazing, forage, and water resources. We will gather and meet at the ranch headquarters on the edge of the Carrizo Plain near California Valley.



[Register for the Spring Meeting](#)

RSVP by April 3, 2026!

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*For travelers from the North with time, Highway 1 has reopened.

Meeting Goal

To explore existing technologies for ranching operations and monitoring that assist with both livestock management and habitat/wildlife management.

Meeting Outcomes

- Attendees will be provided with an overview about what kinds of technology are available to improve ranching operations and monitoring.
- Attendees will understand the basics of how these technologies work, and also costs, benefits, and challenges.
- Attendees will be provided an overview about technical and financial assistance programs available to help them purchase and use some of these technologies.

Optional Dinner

The San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association will be providing an optional BBQ dinner on the evening of April 16th. Once registration is open, you will be able to add dinner to your registration if you are interested.

Camping

A limited number of spaces may be available at Las Piletas Ranch's modest campground on the nights of 4/15 and 4/16. Please contact Ethan Inlander at einlander@tnc.org



The Central Coast Rangeland Coalition is a group of individuals and organizations that envision vibrant, productive, diverse, and sustainable rangelands and communities on California's Central Coast. Since 2008, the group has gathered twice a year to foster collaborative learning on topics of mutual interest, building a better community of practice.



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