

# CCRC SPRING MEETING

Forage, Water, and Fence

Technologies Benefitting Ranchers and Rangeland Managers

Thursday, April 16, 2026 • Las Piletas Ranch Preserve

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<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Coffee</b>
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Site Orientation</b> <i>Ethan Inlander, The Nature Conservancy</i>
<b>8:45</b>	<b>Small Group Introductions</b>
<b>9:15</b>	<b>Grazing Planning, Management, Monitoring &amp; Adaptation on Las Piletas Ranch</b> <i>Ethan Inlander, Dillon Brook, Gabe Runte — TNC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Conservation and grazing goals on the Preserve</li><li>– Water and fence infrastructure projects to meet goals</li><li>– Technology systems: virtual fence (Gallagher eShepherd), water monitoring (Ranchbot), satellite rangeland monitoring (Lens, EarthBlox), wildlife cameras (Reconyx, Animi), and GIS for data management</li><li>– Integrating data for science-based adaptive planning and management</li></ul>
<b>10:20</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Virtual Fencing Deep Dive</b> <i>Brian Allan, UCANR   Zach McFarlane, Cal-Poly   Michael Dennis &amp; Thomas Workman, Carrizo Ranch</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– What is virtual fence and how does the technology work?</li><li>– Use cases for ranchers and rangeland managers</li><li>– Costs of using virtual fence</li><li>– What works well, and what are the challenges?</li><li>– How do these systems manage for animal welfare?</li></ul>
<b>11:40</b>	<b>Small Group Breakout</b>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:00</b>	<b>Field Tour — Four Stops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Stop 1 — Grazing for fuels reduction   Brian Allen – UCANR, Michael Dennis – Carrizo Ranch, TNC staff</li><li>– Stop 2 — Grazing program on the North Carrizo Ecological Reserve   Craig Fiehler – CDFW</li><li>– Stop 3 — Virtual fence in the field: hardware and field applications   TNC and Carrizo Ranch Team</li><li>– Stop 4 — Cost-share programs for water, fence, and virtual fence improvements   NRCS Staff</li></ul>
<b>3:50</b>	<b>Small Group Wrap-Up Discussion &amp; Closing Remarks</b>
<b>4:30</b>	<b>Meeting Concludes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Optional: Informal ranch exploration on your own through 5:30</li></ul>
<b>5:30</b>	<b>Optional Dinner (pre-registered guests)</b> <i>Thank you, San Luis Obispo Cattlemen's Association!</i>
<b>7:00</b>	<b>Head Home — Safe Travels!</b>

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