



(9/16/15) Board Meeting
Grazing Regulatory Action Project
Deadline: 9/3/15 by 12:00 noon

September 3rd, 2015

Dear State Water Resources Control Board Members.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on your resolution to discontinue the statewide grazing regulations. I hope that this decision will create an opportunity for further education and collaboration between the Waterboards and the grazing community. There are many opportunities available for Board members to see firsthand what best management practices are being used. It is imperative that any decisions made regarding livestock grazing and water quality be based on the latest available science and not perception. Proper grazing management not only enhances and conserves biodiversity, wildlife habitat and vegetation, it is essential to multiple healthy ecosystems. Sustainable rangeland management is a critical beneficial use for environmental health. I believe that ranching is the epitome of a "sustainable" industry. Many of these ranches have been in the same family for generations, with the goal of passing it on to the next, in better condition than when they received it. I hope that we can reach a better understanding and work together on common goals to ensure the sustainability and viability of California's rangelands.

Sincerely,

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