

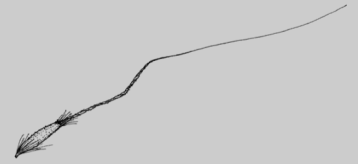


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## President's Message Kristan Norman

Time has gone by so quickly this year as President of Cal-Pac SRM, and I would like to thank all members, and the Board, for all the support throughout the year. Holding this position broadened my appreciation and respect for all who make Cal-Pac SRM happen. The vested efforts may go unseen, but definitely need to be recognized. And special thanks to Theresa Becchetti, our Cal-Pac Secretary, who always has the answer to my various questions of what, why, when and where, and how! We have also been very fortunate to have Kaelie Pena,

Young Professionals Conclave (YPC) Secretary, to come on board as YPC liaison to help support retaining and growing the young professionals in the rangeland field of expertise. As most of you are aware, our membership is in need of growth, and having Kaelie as our YPC Section liaison is a great help to staying connected with our young professionals. Kaelie has also graciously accepted the Information and Education Chair position for Cal-Pac. Speaking of position changes, it is time for Philip Brownsey to hand the battalion off as Newsletter Editor. Katie Brown, who is a rangeland specialist working for an environmental consulting firm on the Central Coast, will be working alongside Philip for the Fall Newsletter during transition. I know I can speak for everyone on the Board, that Philip has done an amazing job as Newsletter Editor



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over the past 5 years, and very happy to have Katie step in, and help out Cal-Pac.

I had high hopes that California, and surrounding states, would get a reprieve from the ever present catastrophic fire regime. At the time of writing this, since January 1, 2018, California has had over 629,000 acres of ground and vegetation burned, compared to last year at 223,000 acres in the same timeframe. Lake County in particular, has undergone excessive fire damage over the last five years, from the Clayton fire to the Valley fire, now the Mendocino Complex, which is rated the largest fire in the State's history with over 290,000 acres burned. As those working in the rangeland field, it is extremely important to stay connected with our community and colleagues, and to provide the highest level of assistance and expertise to those in need. We cannot replace what has been lost, but we can work together to assist in the research and applied science to prevent and reduce future fire devastation.

The Cal-Pac Spring Workshop and Field Tour was well-attended; it was a great opportunity to achieve a better understanding of the ongoing challenges and threats to ranching and conservation efforts. Also, having the meeting in conjunction with Central Coast Rangeland Coalition helped broaden the information sharing regarding easements on grazing lands, as well as provided a good networking opportunity. Sheila did a great job in coordinating this event, we appreciate all her efforts in making this Spring Meeting a success.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Fall Meeting, which will be held in Arcata, in conjunction with Humboldt State University's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Rangeland Resources and Wildland Soils program October 11<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>. This event will be both a reunion for graduates of the program, as well as an informational meeting covering the topic of prescribed fire on California's rangelands and forestlands. The field tour on October 13<sup>th</sup>, will be a great opportunity to see the Lost Coast, and learn about prescribed burn and restoration efforts on the Lost Coast Rangelands.

Sincerely,  
Kristan Norman  
Cal-Pac SRM Section President

## California Certified Rangeland Manager (CRM) Panel Update

The CRM Panel has been active both in reviewing applications for and grading the CRM exam and discussing roles for Cal-Pac and the CRM Panel in the CRM program going forward. In 2018, three people took, and passed, a newly revised CRM exam, bringing the total number of licensed CRMs to 88.

Congratulations to the new California Certified Rangeland Managers!

*From the April 2018 exam:*

CRM # 118 Fadzayi Mashiri

CRM # 119 Todd Golder

CRM # 120 Kendra Moseley

*From the October 2017 exam:*

CRM #115 Miao Ling He

CRM #116 Billy Freeman

CRM #117 Bob Gillaspy

Dr. Susan Marshall, CRM Panel Chair, attended the Professional Forester's Examining Committee's (PFEC) April 4 workshop with facilitator and the June 7 Meeting. Dr. Marshall listened in remotely to the Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) meeting on March 1, where there were reports on Registered Professional Foresters (RPF) and CRM proposed regulations. The PFEC and Dan Stapleton (Assistant Executive Officer, Foresters Licensing) have crafted proposed regulations to merge together processes used for both Registered Professional Foresters and Certified Specialists (Title 14 Ch. 10 1600-1650). At the August 23 PFEC meeting, Mr. Stapleton is expected to further explain the rationale for draft regulations in light of concerns presented by the legal team for Rancho Guejito. Their main concerns seem to center around "good moral character" and a "good reputation for honesty and integrity" of licensees. Draft regulations, once finished, must be open to public review and comment for a 45-day period.

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## 2019 Cal-Pac Officer Elections

### How to make your vote count

Members who currently receive Section communications via email will be sent an electronic ballot. If you do not receive an electronic ballot by September 1, please contact Theresa Becchetti at [tabecchetti@ucanr.edu](mailto:tabecchetti@ucanr.edu).

If you are a member that receives a paper copy of the newsletter, enclosed is an addressed ballot that you can mail to Theresa Becchetti.

**Voting closes on October 1, 2018.**

## Candidates for Section President-Elect

This office spends 1 year as President-Elect, followed by 1 year as Section President, and 1 year as Past President, each with unique responsibilities. To learn more, you may refer to the Cal-Pac section handbook, available on our website: [http://casrm.rangelands.org/Assets/CalPac\\_Handbook.pdf](http://casrm.rangelands.org/Assets/CalPac_Handbook.pdf)

### Matthew Shapero

It is an honor to be nominated as a candidate for President-Elect of the Cal-Pac section of SRM. Since September 2017, I have served as the UC Cooperative Extension Livestock & Range advisor in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. I earned my MS in Range Management from the University of California, Berkeley in 2016. In the years before and after my degree, I worked in the livestock industry in Nevada County, California, first running a flock of sheep and later working in a direct-to-consumer grass-fed beef business.

I have been a member of Cal-Pac since 2014 and have served on its Board of Directors from 2015 to the present. I have enjoyed my service to the Board and have been an active and engaged member. Beginning in 2016, I have chaired the subcommittee responsible for updating the Certified Rangeland Manager Specialty and redefining Cal-Pac's role in administering the program. This effort has only made me feel stronger about our organization and the value it can provide to academics and professionals working on rangelands in California and Hawaii.

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## **Candidates for Section Board of Directors**

Directors serve three-year terms.

### **Megan Lassen**

Growing up in northern California provides a fantastic opportunity to enjoy wide open spaces and appreciate all that the land has to offer. Whether it was backpacking, hunting, or raising livestock, I wanted to be out on the range. My interest in rangelands led me to Humboldt State University where I earned a B.S. degree in Rangeland Resource Science. After graduating, I was hired by NRCS as a Rangeland Management Specialist, in Alturas, working with farmers and livestock producers in Modoc County, CA and across the state line in Washoe County, NV. My work focused on enhancing critical sage grouse habitat, controlling invasive plant species, and developing infrastructure to facilitate grazing management on private and public land. After nearly three years in the high desert, I relocated to the Sacramento Valley in 2015 where I currently work as a Rangeland Specialist for NRCS in Glenn County, CA. I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for the Board of Directors and excited for the opportunity to increase my participation in Cal-Pac SRM and become more involved in California rangelands issues.

### **Roxanne Foss**

Ms. Foss is a Range Management Specialist with over 9 years of experience working in public agencies, private consulting and academia. She received a M.S. in Range Management at UC Berkeley in 2016. She has experience doing collaborative work on conservation projects with ranchers, agencies and non-profits in areas such as: coastal, Bay Area, central valley, foothill and high elevation rangelands. Some of her key range work includes creating studies to support science-based management of invasive plant species, working with NRCS and ranchers to install critical infrastructure, implementing innovative range monitoring techniques, and establishing recommendations for pasture management of sensitive species. She is passionate about bringing people together across sectors towards common goals and would bring a broad background in range management to the board.

### **Samantha Frank**

I grew up in Southern Oregon and spent summers moving cattle across the high desert which is where my love of rangelands began. I attended Oregon State University and now work for NRCS as a Soil Conservationist. My career with NRCS gives me the opportunity to preserve, restore and improve rangelands in California and Nevada. I am passionate about educating people about rangelands, the conservation value they hold and the vast ecosystem services they provide. When I am not working I spend my time running a commercial cattle operation, roping with friends and showing my working cow horses. If elected I look forward to serving as a member of the Cal-Pac SRM Board of Directors.



## Cal-Pac Fall Meeting and HSU Range/Soils 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary October 11-14<sup>th</sup>

Please join us on the cool North Coast for the combined Cal-Pac Fall Meeting and 50th Anniversary of the Rangeland Resource Science and Wildland Soils program at Humboldt State University. Events will be held on the HSU campus and at the Plaza Grill in Arcata, CA.

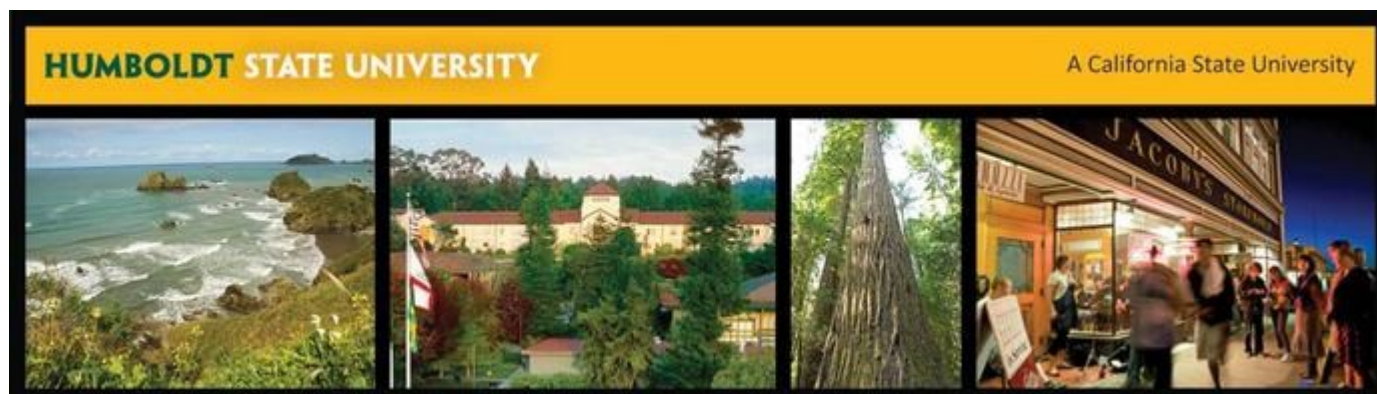
### Accommodations

Special rates are available at the Blue Lake Casino Hotel, \$90 for single and \$96 for double (plus tax). These rates are available until October 1st. To make your reservation call (707) 668-9770 ext. 2880 and ask for the HSU Range rate.

### Registration

Register online at: <https://alumni.humboldt.edu/pages/rws-50th-anniversary>. Please register by **October 4, 2018** so we have an accurate count for catering.

Note: Payment and registration at the above website is by credit/debit only. If you must pay by cash or check (or have any other questions), please contact Susan Edinger Marshall at [sem11@humboldt.edu](mailto:sem11@humboldt.edu)



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## Event Schedule

### Thursday October 11 – Committee Meetings – HSU Campus

<https://www.humboldt.edu/sites/default/files/campusmap.pdf>

3:00-5:00 pm      BSS 508 – Cal-Pac Board of Directors  
                         BSS 402 – CRM Panel

### Friday October 12 – Cal-Pac Technical Session and HSU Anniversary Program

Plaza Grill (Plaza View Room), 780 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Arcata, CA 95521

8:00-8:30 am Registration

8:30-8:45 am Welcome and Introductions

#### Cal-Pac SRM: Fire on CA Rangelands

8:45-9:15 am - Prescribed Fire Options for the Private Landowner and New Policy Direction: Lenya Quinn-Davidson

9:15 – 9:45 am- Humboldt UCCE Fire Program Update: Jeff Stackhouse

9:45 – 10:00 am – Break

10:00 – 10:30 am - Medusahead Control Update: Josh Davy

10:30 – 11:00 am - Economics of Wildfire/Drought: Feed through or Sell and Rebuild? – Larry Forero (Invited)

11:00 – 11:30 am – Prescribed Fire and Oak Health – Arielle Halpern (Invited)

**11:30 – 1:30 pm - Lunch on your own – Arcata Plaza**

#### HSU Anniversary Program

1:30-1:50 pm Kenneth Fulgham, Professor Emeritus, Humboldt State University

1:50-2:10 pm Jim Redd, The Ranch Agent, Four Star Realty

2:10-2:30 pm Hugh Barrett, President-Sage Advice Consulting

2:30-2:45 pm Break

2:45-3:05 pm NRCS speaker Dustin Detweiler

3:05-3:25 pm USFS speaker Dawn Coultrap

3:25-3:45 pm BLM speaker Jennifer Wheeler

3:45-4:10 pm Susan Edinger Marshall, Current and Future Range/Soils Program

4:10-4:30 pm Panel Discussion

#### Pac/HSU Business Meeting, Banquet and Auction

5:30-6:30 pm Social Hour

6:30-7:30 pm Banquet

7:30-8:00 pm Featured Speaker – Professor Bill Lauenroth

8:00-9:00 pm SRM Business Meeting: Awards, Reports, New Officers, Auction

### Saturday, October 13 – Field Trip -

Mattole/Petrolia area – transportation and lunch will be provided

### Sunday, October 14 – HSU Campus Tours (on request)

## Calendar of Events

If you think there is an event that would be of interest to the Cal-Pac membership, send an email to [katie@alt-me.com](mailto:katie@alt-me.com).

### **14<sup>th</sup> International Grouse Symposium**

September 24-28, 2018

Logan, Utah

<https://igs-logan2018.org/index.cfm>

### **California-Pacific Section Society for Range Management Fall Meeting**

October 11-14, 2018

Arcata, California

<http://rangelands.org/casrm/index.html>

### **Central Coast Rangeland Coalition Fall Meeting**

October 18, 2018

Davenport, California

[http://www.elkhornsloughctp.org/training/show\\_train\\_detail.php?TRAIN\\_ID=RaSWSJN](http://www.elkhornsloughctp.org/training/show_train_detail.php?TRAIN_ID=RaSWSJN)

### **Research Insights in Semiarid Ecosystems (RISE) 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium**

October 20, 2018

Tucson, Arizona

### **Holistic Management International/Quivira Coalition Annual Conference**

October 31-November 2, 2018

Albuquerque, New Mexico

<https://quiviracoalition.org/regenerate/>

### **California Invasive Plant Council**

November 7-10, 2018

Monterey, California

<https://www.cal-ipc.org/resources/symposium/>

### **California Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention**

November 28-30, 2018

Reno, Nevada

[http://www.calcattlemen.org/cca\\_events/cca\\_events.aspx](http://www.calcattlemen.org/cca_events/cca_events.aspx)

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**National Grazing Lands Coalition 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

December 2-5, 2018

Reno, Nevada

<http://www.grazinglands.org/grazing-conference/>

**Cattle Industry Convention and NCBA Trade Show**

January 30-February 1, 2019

New Orleans, Louisiana

<http://www.beefusa.org/events.aspx>

**2019 Riparian Restoration Conference**

February 5-7, 2019

Phoenix, Arizona

<https://riversedgewest.org/events/2019-riparian-restoration-conference>

**Society for Range Management 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting**

February 10-14, 2019

Minneapolis, Minnesota

<http://annualmeeting.rangelands.org/>

**The Western Section of the Wildlife Society 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

February 4-8, 2019

Fish Camp, California

[http://twswest.org/?page\\_id=992](http://twswest.org/?page_id=992)

**California Ram Sale**

April 13, 2019

Porterville, California

<http://californiawoolgrowers.org/news-publications/>

## **We want your input on future section meetings!**

Given our geographically large and diverse Section, there may be options for meeting/tour locations that a Past President may not be familiar with. Therefore we would like to solicit input from you about places you would like to visit for future section meetings as well as topics you would be interested in hearing more about. If for some reason your suggestion is not able to be used for the next upcoming meeting, it will be kept for future meetings. Also if you would like to volunteer to help organize a meeting, please let us know as well through this survey. The survey can be found at: <http://ucanr.edu/calpacsuggestions>.

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