

**COMMITTEE REPORT 2015 Annual Meeting
Sacramento, CA**

Date: **05 February 2015**

Committee Name: **Targeted Grazing**

Committee Chairs: **John Hendrickson** (Chair), **Elizabeth Reynolds** (Chair Elect)

Committee members in attendance: **Chris Schachtschneider, Claudia Ingham, Dave Toledo, Derek Bailey, Elizabeth Reynolds, Gabriella DeSimone, Grace Woodmansee, Jeff Mosley, Joe Hicks, John Hendrickson, John Walker, Julia Workman, Karen Launchbaugh, Kasey DeAtley, Keith Harmony, Leticia Varelia, Lou Hagener, Margaret Gannon, Mark Horney, Mitch Stephenson, Ray Holes, Tami Plechaty, and Travis Decker**

BOD representative: **Joe Hicks**

I. Progress Report – 2015 --Narrative/Bullet items

- Website up and running (<http://targetedgrazing.wordpress.com>)
- Targeted Grazing Online Workshops 2014 – Grazing with a Goal presented on Wednesday February 04, 2015. Agenda attached.
- Targeted Grazing in the Range Science Information System (www.rangescience.info) now has a targeted grazing collection. Thanks to Merrita Fraker.
- Wikipedia page on Targeted Grazing is being developed. It took several emails to convince Wikipedia editors that targeted grazing was a “real” term. David Toledo is leading project.
- Targeted Grazing Synthesis Paper in development. Looking for journal to subnet to.
 1. Historical development and definition of targeted grazing, Karen Launchbaugh
 2. Targeted grazing principles & relation to other grazing mgmt practices, John Walker
 3. Plant ecophysiology / succession, John Hendrickson
 4. Shaping and using animal preference to target plants, Beth Burritt
 5. Changing animal use of landscapes, Derek Bailey
 6. Monitoring for successful refinement of target grazing practices, Marc Horney
 7. Examples & case studies of targeted grazing (include negative examples), Rachel Frost
 8. Obstacles to adoption of targeted grazing, Andres Cibils
 9. Obstacles – Plant Secondary Compounds, Rick Estell
 10. Management and research opportunities, Jeff Moseley

II. Planned Activities 2015 -- Narrative/Bullet items

- New and Improved Targeted Grazing Online Workshop
 - February 26 – Why Targeted Grazing?
Dr. John Walker, Texas A&M University
 - March 19 – Plant Ecology & Response to Grazing
Dr. John Hendrickson, ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory

- April 9 – Diet Selection Basics
Dr. Karen Launchbaugh, University of Idaho
 - April 30 – Choosing and Developing the Animal for the Job
Dr. Rachel Frost, Missouri River Conservation Districts Council
 - May 21 – Monitoring for Success
Dr. Marc Horney, California Polytechnic State University – San Luis Obispo
 - Additional Topics will be added in Fall 2015
- Targeted Grazing Certificate – will be developed with the Online Workshops.
 - Collection of Targeted Grazing Stories- we created a Facebook page (SRM Targeted Grazing) and Instagram (Targeted Grazing) site to share stories.
 - Need to look into potential of securing a trademark for “Targeted Grazing”
 - Will continue to work with Lou Hagener on SRM Glossary terms related to targeted grazing.
 - Youth Education- Several members expressed interest in creating materials for youth like coloring books or games.
 - Change in officers:
 - Karen Launchbaugh stepped into role as past-chair
 - John Hendrickson stepped into role chair
 - Elizabeth Reynolds was elected to a 2-year term as chair elect.

III. Action items for BOD consideration including critical dates

1. Funding
 - A. Needs - no funds requested.
 - B. Sources – create funding from sponsorship- of webinar and certificate program.
2. Other - none

IV. Submission Procedure – Electronic copy required

Hard Copy (Optional)

1. BOD Representative—See E-mail address below
2. SRM Server -- SRMcommittees@gmail.com & evp@rangelands.org

Targeted Grazing Field Tour

February 4, 2015

8:30am	Leave Hotel/Conference Center	
<i>In transit</i>	<i>Introduction to targeted grazing and its applications</i>	
9:15 am – 10:45 am	Setting goals/objectives for targeted grazing projects	Sierra College, Rocklin
10:45 am – 11:30am	Ray Holes - Sierra College project, general description of Ray's involvement in other grazing projects in the area	campus
<i>In transit</i>	<i>Bill Burrows – Grazing practices for fuels control</i>	
Noon – 12:30 pm	Lunch	Hidden Falls Regional Park, Auburn
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Livestock Management	
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Dan Macon – Auburn grazing project	
<i>In transit</i>	<i>Planning targeted grazing practices</i>	
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Peter Buck and Jennifer Burt - Natomas Levee Improvement Project; potential grazing project sites	Natomas
	Small group activities: Client Q&A and plan outline construction for each of the three visited sites	
<i>In transit</i>	<i>Bidding/contracting targeted grazing projects</i>	

Return to Sacramento Conference Center