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Central Coast Rangeland Coalition Fall Workshop - October 17, 2024 Poly

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Join UC Cooperative Extension and Cal Poly for the Central Coast Rangeland Coalition Fall Workshop

Date/Time: Thursday, October 17, 2024, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Location: Cal Poly Beef Center Pennington Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Cost: \$40.00 – *lunch included*

Rangeland Restoration and Improvement: what it is and how it can meet your land management needs

Restoration and improvement plays an important role in the management of rangeland systems and consists of man and social processes. Exploring the restoration and improvement process with its associated social aspects like fundi opportunities is imperative for assuring the future health of rangelands on the central coast of California.

Goal: Increase practitioner's understanding about the process of restoring/improving rangeland systems, including project feasibility, and collaboration and funding opportunities.

Registration Link: <https://ucanr.edu/ccrc%20fall%202024>

AGENDA

Registration and coffee – Cal Poly Beef Center

Parking is located next to the Cal Poly Beef Center

Welcome, opening remarks

Walter Ruzzo, Member, Deans Advisory Council Cal Poly SLO College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Science, Chair, Swanton Pacific Ranch Advisory Council / **Dr. George Gallagher**, Department Head, Animal Science Cal Poly SLO

Meeting Introduction and Background

Dr. Grey Hayes, Education and Research Programs Manager, Swanton Pacific Ranch
Background: defining rangeland restoration and improvement

Panel Discussion: Rangeland Restoration/Improvement Process Benefits and

Constraints. Moderated by:

- **Dr. Grey Hayes**, Education and Research Programs Manager, Swanton Pacific Ranch
- **Dr. Yamina Pressler**, Professor, Cal Poly SLO. Natural Resources and Environmental Science Department (NRES)
- **Liz Reikowski**, Rancher and Board Member San Benito Resource Conservation District
- **Claudio Nunez**, Grazing Program Manager, Santa Lucia Conservancy
- **Katie Brown**, Senior Environmental Scientist and Rangeland Program Coordinator, Althouse & Meade Consultants

Funding/Collaboration Opportunities and Information Sources

- **Rangeland Restoration Practitioners' Perspectives**, Maxwell Farmer, 2024 Forum Scholar, Graduate Student, NRES Cal Poly, SLO
- **Resource Management System**, Jacob Dixon, Resource Management Specialist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Santa Maria
- **Rangeland Restoration Using Sheep and Goats**, Elizabeth Reynolds, Lecturer and Supervisor of Sheep and Goat Enterprise, Cal Poly SLO

Field Site Visit

Station 1 - Escuela Ranch, livestock productivity, Aaron Lazanoff, Beef Operations Manager, Cal Poly, SLO

Station 2 – Escuela Ranch Road Improvement project, Hayley Barnes, Conservation Projects Manager, Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District

Station 3 – Walter Creek riparian restoration project, TBD

Closing Remarks

Rob Rutherford, Retired Animal Science Professor, Cal Poly SLO

Program ends

BBQ and Student Poster Session

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