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Re: Comment Letter – Grazing Regulatory Action Project

Dear Ms. Townsend,

The Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) would like to express its support for the draft resolution for the discontinuation of discussions regarding a statewide approach to addressing water quality impacts from livestock grazing.

RMAC thanks the State and Regional Water Boards for their engagement on this issue through the UC Davis Science Symposium on Rangeland Water Quality and the listening sessions and field tour. RMAC looks forward to continuing to work with the Regional Water Boards on evaluating the 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies in California and developing appropriate regional strategies to address any impairments due to grazing.

RMAC supports the Regional Boards in developing BMPs at the regional level that take into account current science, specific, localized water quality impairments, and local environmental conditions. A statewide water quality regulatory program for grazing is a blanket standard that ignores the unique conditions of watersheds throughout California.

RMAC urges the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt the noticed resolution to discontinue discussions regarding a statewide grazing regulatory program and to direct Regional Water Boards to assess their current grazing programs.

Sincerely,

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