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Brad Wagenknecht
District 1 Supervisor
Napa County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Mr. Wagenknecht:

The California Cattlemen's Association, on behalf of the partners of the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition (Rangeland Coalition) would like to invite the Napa County Board of Supervisors to become a signatory to the California Rangeland Resolution (resolution). Rangeland Coalition partners are signatories to the resolution and work together to carry out the goals outlined in the Resolution. This letter is sent to at the request of Napa county rancher John Ahmann who indicated the Board's potential interest in our cooperative conservation partnership.

Rangeland Coalition partners feel it would be extremely beneficial to have the Napa County Board of Supervisors as a signatory and partner for our ongoing efforts. Enclosed you will find a copy of the resolution. I have also included a formal request which can be returned to me if the Napa County Board of Supervisors would like to sign on to the resolution and be a part of this unprecedented effort.

If you would like any additional information or have any questions please contact me at (916) 444-0845 or tschohr@calcattlemen.org.

Your support as a signatory to the resolution would be greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Tracy Schohr
Director of Rangeland Conservation
California Rangeland Conservation Coalition

Attachment: California Rangeland Resolution
Signatory Paper

cc: John Ahmann



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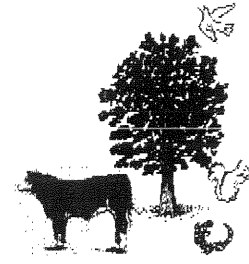
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California Rangeland Resolution

California Rangeland Conservation Coalition



The following hereby support the principals of the California Rangeland Resolution and would like to be a signatory to the document. Furthermore, supporting the work of the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition.

Organization: _____

Representative Name: _____

Representative Title: _____

Representative Signature: _____

California Rangeland Conservation Coalition

Please provide contact information for the appropriate person(s) to be engaged as a representative of the organization in the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition.

Contact Name: _____

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Please return to Tracy Schohr, Director of Rangeland Conservation, California Rangeland Conservation Coalition, California Cattlemen's Association, 1221 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

The California Rangeland Resolution

The undersigned recognize the critical importance of California's privately owned rangelands, particularly that significant portion that encircles the Central Valley and includes the adjacent grasslands and oak woodlands, including the Sierra foothills and the interior coast ranges. These lands support important ecosystems and are the foundation for the ranching industry that owns them.

WHEREAS, these rangelands include a rich and varied landscape of grasslands, oak woodlands, vernal pools, riparian areas and wetlands, which support numerous imperiled species, many native plants once common in the Central Valley, and are home to the highest diversity and density of wintering raptors anywhere in North America;

WHEREAS, these rangelands are often located in California's fastest-growing counties and are at significant risk of conversion to development and other uses;

WHEREAS, these rangelands, and the species that rely on these habitats, largely persist today due to the positive and experienced grazing and other land stewardship practices of the ranchers that have owned and managed these lands and are committed to a healthy future for their working landscapes;

WHEREAS, these rangelands are a critical foundation of the economic and social fabric of California's ranching industry and rural communities, and will only continue to provide this important working landscape for California's plants, fish and wildlife if private rangelands remain in ranching;

THEREFORE, we declare that it is our goal to collaboratively work together to protect and enhance the rangeland landscape that encircles California's Central Valley and includes adjacent grasslands and oak woodlands by:

- Keeping common species common on private working landscapes;
- Working to recover imperiled species and enhancing habitat on rangelands while seeking to minimize regulations on private lands and streamline processes;
- Supporting the long-term viability of the ranching industry and its culture by providing economic, social and other incentives and by reducing burdens to proactive stewardship on private ranchlands;
- Increasing private, state and federal funding, technical expertise and other assistance to continue and expand the ranching community's beneficial land stewardship practices that benefit sensitive species and are fully compatible with normal ranching practices;
- Encouraging voluntary, collaborative and locally-led conservation that has proven to be very effective in maintaining and enhancing working landscapes;
- Educating the public about the benefits of grazing and ranching in these rangelands.

SIGNED BY:

Alameda County Board of Supervisors	California Dept of Forestry and Fire Protection	Defenders of Wildlife	San Joaquin Valley Conservancy
Alameda Co. Resource Conservation District	California Farm Bureau Federation	Ducks Unlimited	Sierra Foothills Audubon Society
Anaador Resource Conservation District	California Grazing Lands Coalition	El Dorado Resource Conservation District	State Water Resources Control Board
American Farmland Trust	California Invasive Plant Council	Endangered Species Coalition	Sustainable Conservation
American Land Conservancy	California Native Grasslands Association	Environmental Defense	Tehama County Resource Conservation District
Audubon California	California Native Plant Society	Glenn County Resource Conservation District	The Nature Conservancy
Bureau of Land Management	California Oak Foundation	Institute for Ecological Health	Trust for Public Land
Butte Environmental Council	California Rangeland Trust	Jumping Frog Research Institute	Uchumme Co. Resource Conservation District
Butte County Resource Conservation District	California Resources Agency	Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District	University of California
Calaveras Co. Resource Conservation District	California Wildlife Foundation	National Wild Turkey Federation	US Fish and Wildlife Service
California Association of Resource Conservation Districts	California Wool Growers Association	Natural Resources Conservation District	US Forest Service
California Cattlemen's Association	Cal-Pac Section Society of Range Management	Nevada Co. Resource Conservation District	VernalPools.org
California CattleWomen's Association	Central Sierra Region of Resource Conservation Districts	Nevada County Land Trust	Western Shasta Resource Conservation District
California Chapter of the International Soil and Water Conservation Society	Central Valley Land Trust Council	Northern California Regional Land Trust	Wildlife Conservation Board
California Department of Conservation	City of Livermore	Placer Co. Resource Conservation District	WildPlaces
California Dept of Fish and Game	Community Alliance with Family Farmers	Placer Land Trust	
California Dept of Food and Agriculture	Contra Costa Resource Conservation District	Sacramento River Watershed Program	
	Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors	San Joaquin Raptor/Wildlife Rescue Center	