Ranching in Carnivore Country: Livestock Protection and Compensation Programs on the Central Coast

Central Coast Rangeland Coalition
Fall 2017 Membership Meeting

October 19, 2017
8:30 – 4:00

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
4150 Sears Ranch Road
La Honda, CA 94020
Cost: $35

Goal: Improve economic security for livestock operators on the Central Coast by preventing livestock-carnivore conflict and providing potential resources when they do occur.

Objectives:
- Improve understanding of tools and approaches that Central Coast ranchers and land managers can apply to reduce carnivore-livestock interactions.
- Provide an introduction to a local depredation compensation program for losses when they occur.
- Foster productive discussion of these topics.

Agenda

8:30   Registration and coffee

9:00   Program Begins

Group exercise

When things go wrong - Depredation causes and context
Veronica Yovovich
Wildlife Conflict Specialist

Livestock Protection Tools for Cattle Producers
Dan Macon
UC Cooperative Extension Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor, Placer-Nevada-Sutter-Yuba Counties

10:35  Break

Predation Reimbursement Program – a public agency program to assist ranchers affected by predation on public lands where depredation of mountain lions is not an option
Clayton Koopmann
Rangeland Ecologist, Mid-Peninsula Open Space District

Panel Discussion
Clayton Koopmann, Dan Macon, Veronica Yovovich, Terris Kasteen
(California Department of Fish and Wildlife)

Group Exercise

12:30  Lunch

1:30  Field Trip

Orientation to the site
Elaina Cuzick
Senior. Property Management Specialist, Mid-Peninsula Open Space District

Utilizing Partnerships with Ranchers to Develop Livestock Protection Strategies
Matt Chaney
Wildlife Biologist, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

A rancher’s perspective on depredations and livestock reimbursement programs
Allan Renz
Rancher, Renz Livestock
Group exercise

Closing remarks

Drive back to meeting venue

4:00 Program ends