

LIVESTOCK GRAZING ON VERNAL POOL LANDSCAPES

Friday, February 8, 2008 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Laguna Water Treatment Plant, Santa Rosa

Sotoyome Resource Conservation District presents a workshop for livestock producers, landowners, land managers, and others interested in grazing on vernal pool lands.

Vernal pools are wetlands that occur in many of central Sonoma County's grasslands. Recent research supports the idea that well-managed grazing can benefit the plants and animals of these unique wetlands, and opportunities for livestock producers on vernal pool preserves are growing.

The purpose of this workshop is to share information about how to make conservation grazing on these lands feasible and effective.



Presentations by:

Jaymee Marty, Ph.D., Ecologist, The Nature Conservancy
Greg Fisher, Restoration Manager, Sotoyome RCD
Lisa Bush, Rangeland Management consultant
Stephanie Larson, Range Management Advisor, UC Cooperative Extension

Panel Discussions will include livestock producers, plant biologists and wetland experts involved with wetlands management on the Santa Rosa Plain. Panelists will describe their experiences with livestock grazing on vernal pool lands, and discuss methods, opportunities, and challenges.

Field Trips to local sites will illustrate a variety of grazing regimes currently used on vernal pool lands.

Lunch will be provided

To register, complete and return the attached registration form and \$20 registration fee. Enrollment is limited, so register early! Deadline to enroll is February 1, 2008. For more information, contact: Joan Schwan, (707) 823-0446, schwanjo@sonoma.edu or Ruth Ark, (707) 569-1448 ext 103, rark@sotoyomercd.org



Workshop Registration Form: Livestock Grazing on Vernal Pool Landscapes

Name/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Do you prefer a vegetarian lunch? yes no

Send completed form and \$20 registration fee (made payable to Sotoyome RCD) to:

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