

Central Coast Rangeland Coalition Newsletter 08 07 02

To: CCRC Members
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The CCRC Steering Committee met June 24 at the home of Rich and Ann Morris in San Juan Bautista. The Steering Committee decided to begin sending a simple newsletter to all members about developments in between meetings, such as news about the spring 2008 monitoring project. Soon, we will send a report on that Steering Committee meeting.

CCRC Spring 2008 Monitoring Progress Report (from L. Ford)

MONITORING FIELDWORK COMPLETED

The CCRC monitoring team (lead by Larry Ford and Jim Bartolome) has completed field work at all 23 properties. That includes all 15 properties monitored in 2007, and 8 new properties--in Sonoma, Monterey, and Santa Cruz Counties. The last two properties were monitored on June 4 and 5.

We have completed the socio-economic and planning indicators interviews for all but two of the new properties.

Thanks very much to the project cooperators for working with us at each property--Ken Oster (NRCS/Templeton), Danny Marquis (NRCS/Salinas), Devii Rao (Gold Ridge RCD), and Sheila Barry (UC Coop Extension). Thanks especially to Ken Oster and the NRCS for many extra hours to provide the maps and property information for most of the properties in SLO, Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and Alameda Counties. Thanks to Devii Rao for the maps and property information for the Sonoma County properties. And thanks to a property owner for providing the maps and property information for that Santa Cruz County property.

MANAGEMENT VARIABLES

Sheila Barry and Jim Bartolome have been working recently on a form or questionnaire for the management variables. The plan is to conduct one additional interview by phone with the managers of each of the 23 CCRC properties, then to consider the information provided along with the respective monitoring data.

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY REPORTS

John Warner (NRCS) and Grey Hayes (COastal Training Program) plan to develop a template and produce the individual property reports. We have compiled the contact info and digital property maps with boundaries for most properties. I have also compiled the contact info for all properties, and will deliver those to John Warner.

THANK-YOU TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND MANAGERS

Thank you to all the property owners and managers for providing access to your properties, and for assisting with the monitoring. As last year, many of you made the time to escort the monitoring team and to assist with hole-digging, plant identification, and other information. If you haven't already, you should be receiving thank-you letters soon, and the individual property reports before the end of this summer.

NEXT STEPS TO DO

1. Data entry on a summary spreadsheet with summary statistics
2. Analyses of data
3. Report on summary results (aiming for late August or early September)
4. Transfer records for the monitoring at all properties to John Warner at the NRCS in Hollister for confidential safe-keeping