

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

Drive to second field site

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