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"Working Among the Oaks" workshop series*

HOW DOES THE PUBLIC BENEFIT FROM PRIVATE RANCHING?

21 June 2010

8:00 am – 12:30 pm (followed by lunch)

Culinary Arts Academy, 1900 Golden Hill Road, Paso Robles, California

Supported by a grant from California's Oak Woodland Conservation Program

\$15 to participate (includes materials, morning refreshments, and lunch)

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Registration website: <http://ucanr.org/grazingvaluesworkshop>

Focus & Goal: Why is grazing land important to the public? What benefits do grazing lands and grazing animals provide? Learn about the many values of grazing animals and grazing lands, including sustainable food production, scenery and other amenities, economic and ecological roles, and environmental services.

Who Should Attend: This workshop will be of particular interest to Central Coast residents, students, agency personnel, and policy makers.

Background: Ranch lands and other agricultural areas of the Central Coast are well known not only for production of nutritious food but also for their scenic beauty, varied ecology (including diverse populations of both game and nongame wildlife), and cultural contributions. *Who doesn't appreciate the wide open spaces, pastoral viewsheds, or that iconic figure of the American West, the cowboy?* Because the commercial viability of grazing enterprises depends on good stewardship of the land, those private enterprises tend to serve as managed safe havens for natural resources.

So exactly how do we all benefit from private grazing enterprises? What do we know and what do we need to know? Lynn Huntsinger, Professor of Rangeland Conservation and Management at UC Berkeley; Pelayo Alvarez, Conservation Program Director for the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition; Rob Rutherford, Professor of Animal Science at Cal Poly State University; Chuck Pritchard, area rancher and Resource Conservation District President; and others will be on hand to share their knowledge and viewpoints. *Join us for these sure-to-be-lively discussions!*

This is one of a series of workshops and field days—Working Among the Oaks—on agricultural stewardship and oak woodland conservation. Working Among the Oaks provides a forum for teaching and learning among the public and agricultural community, with an emphasis on practical expertise. The ultimate goal of the workshop series is to foster sustainable management of California's oak woodlands, which occur mostly on agriculturally zoned land.

Planned topics:

- Amenities and Other Public Values
- Ecosystem Services of Ranching
- Grazing and Sustainable Food Systems
- Rancher Perspectives
- Discussion Panel

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To Register:

Enrollment is limited, so register now – preferably online (<http://ucanr.org/grazingvaluesworkshop>) but if necessary by mail, phone (510-643-1204), fax (510-642-7416), or email (yanneth@berkeley.edu). Please make checks payable to UC Regents and mail to UCCE Grazing Values Workshop, c/o Yanneth Fraga-Reyes, CNR Dean's Office, UC Berkeley, 101 Giannini Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-3100.

Driving Directions:

From Hwy 101 – Take the Hwy 46 East Exit; Follow Hwy 46 East for 1.5 miles; Turn Right on Golden Hill Road for 0.3 miles; Turn Left into parking lot, just past the stop sign.

Maps and directions also may be found online at http://www.mapquest.com/mq/7-Ou*QFbJOo9kZ.