



# 2014 Annual Meeting Agenda

## Rangelands Partnership

### March 23-25, 2014

#### **SUNDAY, March 23: University of California Davis**

Day free around town on your own. Suggestions for members coming in early:

**Winetasting with Mel George**

**Davis attractions: Arboretum**

**Sacramento attractions: Railroad Museum**

6:00 pm      **Welcome Reception** at Hyatt Place Hotel (south side of campus)  
(Included in registration for attendees, \$26 per guest)

7:00 pm      John Tanaka welcome on behalf of WERA  
John Harper welcome on behalf of University of California-Davis

\* The Monday and Tuesday meetings will be in the Plant and Environmental Sciences Building at University of California Davis. The hotel is about one mile across (or around) campus from Plant and Environmental Sciences (PES) where we will meet during the day. It is about a 10-15 minute walk during good weather, but we will have one or two state vans for transportation plus Mel's small SUV and the hotel shuttle.

**MONDAY, March 24: University of California Davis, Plant and Environmental Sciences Building,  
Room PES (2004, 2005 or 3001 – TBD)**

- 8:30 am **WRP ~~Chair-Executive Board~~ Greetings and Overview of Rangelands Partnership 2014 Meeting**  
[David Kruger, Vice Chair, Wyoming]
- 8:40 am **Introductions** [Melvin George and John Harper, California]
- Special Welcome
  - Meeting Logistics
  - Attendee Quick Self-Introductions (~1 minute each)
- 9:30 am **Reports from the 2014 SRM Annual Meeting**
- Presentation of new MOA with SRM [Barb Hutchinson and Jeanne Pfander, Arizona; Leonard Jolley, SRM Board]
  - SRM Outreach, Communications and Website Committee related activities [Barb Hutchinson, Arizona, Lovina Roselle, Idaho, Leonard Jolley, SRM Board]
- 9:45 am **Morning Break**
- 10:15 am **RP Year in Review - Project Reports**
- Range Science Information System (RSIS) [John Tanaka, Wyoming]
  - Higher Education Challenge Grant (HEC) [Lovina Roselle, Idaho] (Pat Johnson, South Dakota and Susan Marshall, Humboldt State)
    - Range at a Distance (online courses)
    - Teaching Clearinghouse
      - Wrangle [with Cody Sheehy, Arizona]
    - Careers and Education
  - Proposed Phase 2 redesign of GR/RW home pages: results of AZ Team/HEC group meeting (needs discussion<sup>[JP1]</sup>) [Barb Hutchinson, Arizona]
- 11:00 am **Optimization NIFA/eXtension Grant report [Barb Hutchinson, Arizona and Beth Burritt, Utah]**
- Preliminary results of focus group sessions [Sheila Merrigan and Jeanne Pfander, Arizona]
    - Social media tools update and report<sup>[JP2]</sup>
- 12:00 pm **Lunch**
- Presentation by Ken Tate<sup>[JP3]</sup> of University of California-Davis
- 1:30 pm **International Partnerships** [Barb Hutchinson, Arizona]
- John Taylor, Rangelands Australia (virtual)
  - Felix Ayala, University of Hermosillo (virtual)
  - Grasslands Society of Southern Africa [Barb Hutchinson, Arizona]
  - New FAO “open access” collaboration opportunities [Barb Hutchinson, Arizona]
  - Canada?

2:00 pm

**State updates**<sup>[RDM4]</sup><sup>[JP5]</sup> [Beth Burritt, Utah / RP Secretary – Facilitator]  
(~ ≤ 5 minutes each)

Virtual/Online:

- Australia – John Taylor<sup>[JP6]</sup>
- Colorado – Jocelyn Boice
- Montana – Rachel Frost
- Nebraska – Dana Boden
- South Dakota – Pat Johnson<sup>??</sup>
- Texas – Alyson McDonald

Written Reports:

- Washington – Tip Hudson
- Oklahoma – Chris **Zho** and Karen Hickman

On-site Reports:

- Alaska – Norm Harris and Jodee Kuden
- Arizona – Jeanne Pfander and Barb Hutchinson
- California – John Harper and Mel George
- Hawaii – Mark Thorne
- Idaho – Jeremy Kenyon and Lovina Roselle
- Kansas – Walt Fick and Livia Olsen
- Nevada – Brad Schultz and Amy Shannon
- New Mexico – Amy Ganguli and Cindy Watkins
- North Dakota – Nicole Mason
- Oregon – Mike Borman
- Texas – Deva Reddy
- Utah – Beth Burritt
- Wyoming – David Kruger and Ann Tanaka

3:00 pm

**Afternoon Break**

3:30 pm

**WRP Business Meeting** [David Kruger, RP Vice Chair - Facilitator]

- Report from the Chair/Vice-Chair [David Kruger, Vice Chair, Wyoming]
- Administrative Update on WERA [John Tanaka, Wyoming]
- Secretary-Treasurer report [Beth Burritt, Utah]
- Review 2013 Action Plan [David Kruger, Wyoming]
  - Task Force for Hot Topics Development & Maintenance [Nicole Mason, North Dakota - coordinator]
  - Task Force on Incorporating Rangeland-related Agricultural Experiment Station Repository Records into GR/RW Database [Jeremy Kenyon, Idaho - coordinator]
  - Task Force for International Partner Recruiting and Content Development [Barb Hutchinson, Arizona - coordinator]
  - Task Force for Marketing RP Databases [Amy Shannon, Nevada - coordinator]
- ~~Secretary-Treasurer report~~ [Beth Burritt, Utah]
- ~~Election of new Secretary-Treasurer~~ [Jeanne Pfander, Arizona]
- ~~Administrative Update on WERA~~ [John Tanaka, Wyoming]

- Election of new Secretary-Treasurer [Jeanne Pfander<sup>JP7</sup>, Past-Chair, Arizona]
- ~~Other business?~~
- Transition to 2014/2015 Executive Team [-David Kruger, Wyoming / Jeanne Pfander<sup>JP8</sup>, Past Chair, Arizona]
- Announcement of Locations for 2015 & 2016 RP meetings [David Kruger, Wyoming]
- Other business?
- Adjourn the Business Meeting

4:30 pm      **Logistics for evening and next day** [Mel George / John Harper]

4:45 pm      **Adjourn for the day**

5:00 – 9:00 pm **Dinner at the Hyatt Place** – catered by the Buckhorn Grill and preceded by a wine appreciation/tasting and social hour beginning at 5:00pm, followed by dinner

- Welcome by Barbara Allen-Diaz, VP of UC Division of Ag and Natural Resources
- Glenn McGourty, CE Viticulture & Plant Science Advisor for Mendocino County will be our speaker and tasting leader

(Included in registration for attendees, \$45 per guest)

**TUESDAY, March 25: University of California Davis, Plant and Environmental Sciences Building, Computer Room**

8:00 am **Welcome Back and Logistics for the Day** [Mel or John, California]

8:15 am **Partnership Member Site** [Ann Tanaka, Wyoming]

-8:30 am **Rangelands in Social Media** [JP9][Sheila Merrigan and John Harper]

**9:00** **Hands-on Workshop & Webinar** [JP10][Arizona Team]

Learn about the Global Rangelands/Rangelands West data entry system and how to add your local/state metadata records to the database. (**BE PREPARED! Bring a list of your local state rangelands resources to add!**)

9:30 am **Concurrent Working Group Meetings** [Facilitator – David Kruger / Jeanne Pfander]

- Task force and other working groups
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- State Websites – continue adding records to database from hands-on workshop
- Partnership membership website [Ann Tanaka]
- ~~○ Rangelands in Social Media [Sheila Merrigan and John Harper]~~

10:00 am **Morning Break**

10:30 am **Continue with Concurrent Working Group Meetings** [Facilitator [JP11] – David Kruger / Jeanne Pfander]

12:00 pm **Lunch**

**Presentation about Rangelands Coalition** [JP12]

1:30 pm **Continue with Concurrent Working Group Meetings** [Facilitator [JP13] – David Kruger / Jeanne Pfander]

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  - Task Force for Marketing RP Databases [Amy Shannon - coordinator]
- State Websites – continue adding records to database from hands-on workshop

- Partnership membership website [Ann Tanaka]
  - Rangelands in Social Media [JP14][Sheila Merrigan and John Harper]
- 3:00 pm      **Afternoon Break**
- 3:30 pm      **Report out: Progress made today in working groups and movement forward** [Facilitators – David Kruger / Beth Burritt]
- 4:30 pm      **Closing Session / Wrap-up** [David Kruger, 2014/2015 RP Chair]
- 5:00 pm      **Adjourn — with special thanks to Mel George and John Harper for their hard work and hospitality!**
- 5:30 pm      **Dinner on your own** – suggestions from Mel

**WEDNESDAY, May 15: Working session-Meeting for eXtension and Optimization Grant (location TBD)**

9:00 am      **eXtension/Optimization grant group work**

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**Guest Speaker Bios / Links:**

- Ken Tate of University of California Davis – bio...
- Glenn McGourty, CE Viticulture & Plant Science Advisor for Mendocino County – bio...
- Others...