

Importance of Coastal Grasslands & Influence of Shrub Establishment

CENTRAL COAST RANGELAND COALITION

Fall 2012 Meeting

Thursday, October 18

8:30 – 5:30

Pt. Reyes Station and Environs, Marin County

Coastal scrub and coastal grassland habitats are both ecologically important and have been diminishing over time due to human development. This fall, the Central Coast Rangeland Coalition will discuss the ecological and economic value of coastal grasslands, the influence of shrub establishment in those grasslands, and different approaches to maintain important grassland habitat.

Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration and coffee**

9:00 **Program begins**

Welcome

Grey Hayes, Coordinator, Elkhorn Slough Coastal Training

Tim Koopmann, Rancher

Point Reyes National Seashore Introduction

Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent

Devii Rao, Rangeland Management Specialist

Gordon White, Chief of Cultural Resources

Presentations

Why Do We Care about California's Coastal Prairie?

Dr. Grey Hayes, Restoration Ecologist, Elkhorn Slough Reserve

Characteristics and Dynamics of California Coastal Grasslands

Dr. Joe McBride, Professor, Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management, University of California, Berkeley

Vegetation Community Change and Special Status Species in the Rangelands of Point Reyes National Seashore

Amelia Ryan, Wetland and Plant Ecologist, Point Reyes National Seashore

-Break-

Presentations, continued

A Bird's Eye View of Grasslands and Shrublands on the California Coast: What bird monitoring can tell us about rangeland management and habitat succession in a dynamic landscape

Ryan DiGaudio, Ecologist, PRBO Conservation Science

Impacts of Brush Succession on Endangered Butterfly Species, San Bruno Mountain, CA
Patrick Kobernus, Coast Ridge Ecology, San Francisco, California

Adaptive Learning Exercise – Small Groups

12:25 --Catered Lunch--

1:25 **Carpool to Grossi Ranch**

Field presentations

Ranch Welcome

Rich and Jakie Grossi

Land Manager Experience with Brush Control

John Taylor, Owner (with wife Karen) Bivalve Dairy, Point Reyes Station

A Case Study in Managing Woody Species Encroachment on Grassland and Oak Woodland Resources at Redwood National Park (tentative)

Leonel Arguello, Chief, Vegetation Management, Redwood National Park

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Field presentations, continued

Stewarding Soil: Promoting soil quality to meet management objectives

Jasmine Westbrook, Samuels Ranch, Assistant Manager

Adaptive Learning Exercise – Small Groups

5:30 **Return to Red Barn, Program Ends**

****\$30 registration must be paid *in advance* to defray cover costs (see below)****

Many thanks to the Point Reyes Seashore staff and volunteers for hosting this event!

Directions

Your destination is the 'Red Barn' a 7-minute walk from the Bear Valley Visitor's Center, in Point Reyes Station. The address for the Visitor's Center is 1 Bear Valley Road, Pt. Reyes Station, but popular web mapping programs might not get you to the right place- so, see the Park website: <http://www.nps.gov/pore/planyourvisit/directions.htm>

Overflow parking will be at the visitor center. People who arrive early can park at the Red Barn.

To locate the Red Barn, proceed up the driveway toward the Bear Valley Visitor Center, and turn left at the sign for the Red Barn Classroom.

Registration and Payment

Because of limited space and anticipation of popularity of the event, advance registration is required. Register at:

http://www.elkhornsloughctp.org/training/show_train_detail.php?TRAIN_ID=CeUPUZY

If you are unable to register electronically, call us at (831) 274-8700 and we'll help

Please know that your registration will not be final until we receive your payment in full. The fee for this 1 day workshop is \$30; the fee includes refreshments, lunch, and materials. You may pay by credit card (via our web site when registering) or send a check payable to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation and mailed to:

Elkhorn Slough Coastal Training Program; ATTN: Grey Hayes; 1700 Elkhorn Road; Watsonville, CA, 95076

Please note the name of the workshop on your check.
We accept only self-registration: no third party registration.

Your reservation is not confirmed until we have received payment and your placement may be forfeit if payment is not received by October 4. We cannot refund registration fees if you cancel your registration after 5 p.m. October 4. We will refund cancellations prior to this date minus a \$10 processing fee. You cannot 'trade' registration with another individual, even in the same organization. You will receive an email confirmation of payment, which finalizes the registration process. We reserve the right to cancel this workshop due to insufficient registration prior to October 11 - in this case, a full refund will be remitted.

For More Information

For event information, including downloading this agenda and other workshop information, see: http://www.elkhornsloughctp.org/training/show_train_detail.php?TRAIN_ID=CeUPUZY

Also, feel free to contact Grey Hayes (831) 274-8700 or grey@elkhornslough.org