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## **FEDERAL LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING** 2019 CCA/CCW Annual Convention Peppermill Resort, Reno, NV Thursday, December 5, 2019 10:00am-Noon, Tuscany 5

Meeting called to order by Federal Lands Chair Mike Byrne at 10:06 a.m.

Chair Mike Byrne began by having all meeting attendees introduce themselves.

Willy Hagge moved to approve the minutes of the Midyear meeting of the Federal Lands Committee as presented. Dave Daley seconded, motion passed.

Tanner Beymer, Associate Director of the Public Lands Council, provided an update of the Public Lands Council, highlighting PLC's successes in driving Endangered Species Act reform, wild horse population control on BLM land, NEPA reform, and other PLC priorities.

Chris Carr, Partner at Baker Botts, provided an update on public lands litigation regarding California, particularly highlighting Baker Botts' litigation on behalf of CCA members on the Stanislaus National Forest (Clean Water Act, National Forest Management Act) and Modoc National Forest (wild horses).

Ken Tate, Russell L. Rustici Endowed Chair in Rangeland Watershed Science at UC Davis, provided an update on federal lands water quality issues, highlighting updates to the 1995 Ranch Water Quality Management Plan, the efforts by the Lahontan and Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Boards to develop a permit for non-point source water quality impacts related to grazing on federal lands, and water quality investigative orders at Eagle Lake.

John Exline, Director of Ecosystem Management at the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region, provided a USFS Region 5 update.

Genivieve Rasmussen, Associate Deputy State Director for Resources, Planning, and Realty at the BLM California State Office provided a BLM California update.

With speaker presentations concluded, Vice Chair Eric Hafenfeld led policy review.

Rich Ross moved to readopt policy 14-02, "Permit Buyout," as amended by staff. Willy Hagge seconded, motion passed.

Tom DeAtley moved to readopt policy 14-03, "Regulatory Relief for Public Land Users," as amended by staff. Wally Roney seconded, motion passed.

Rich Ross moved to readopt policy 14-04, "National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)," as written. Tom DeAtley seconded, motion passed.

Rich Ross moved to readopt policy 14-05, "Monitoring Policy," as amended by staff. Tom DeAtley seconded, motion passed.

Rich Ross moved to readopt policy 14-06, "U.S. Recognition of Private Property Rights and Grazing Permittees on Public Lands," as written. Tom DeAtley seconded, motion passed.

Chuck Pritchard moved to readopt policy 14-07, "Woody Encroachment Upon Wet Meadows/Riparian Systems," as amended by staff. Rich Ross seconded, motion passed.

Willy Hagge moved to readopt policy 14-08, "Fire and Fuels Management on Forest Service Lands," as approved as interim policy at the 2019 Midyear Meeting and as further amended by staff. Rich Ross seconded, motion passed.

Rich Ross moved to readopt policy 14-09, "Funding Policy," as amended by staff. Chuck Pritchard seconded, motion passed.

Tom DeAtley moved to readopt policy 14-10, "Federal Agency Management Staff," as amended by staff. Rich Ross seconded, motion passed.

Tom DeAtley moved to readopt policy 14-01, "Permittee Allotment Monitoring," as amended by staff. Chuck Pritchard seconded, motion passed.

Steve Sinton moved to amend policy 17-03, "Wild Horses," to add "and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the California Cattlemen's Association supports the inclusion of the Forest Service when policies, legislation, and funding proposals are being developed that affect the management of wild horses." Rich Ross seconded, motion passed.

Tanner Beymer provided a brief update on PLC efforts to remove gray wolves from the federal list of endangered species.

Dave Daley, California Public Lands Council Chair, gave a brief CalPLC update and urged permittees to pay their CalPLC dues.

Chair Mike Byrne adjourned the meeting at 11:59am.