



**Meeting Report  
Wolf-Livestock Stakeholder Subgroup  
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## **1.0 Introduction**

On April 9, 2014 the Wolf-Livestock Interactions Subgroup (WLIS) of the California Wolf Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) convened in the Conference Room of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of General Counsel in Sacramento. This was the seventh meeting of the WLIS, which was established to help the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW, Department) develop a consensus-driven framework of management strategies for effectively dealing with potential wolf impacts on California's livestock populations.

## **2.0 Meeting Objectives and Mechanics**

The purpose of the meeting was to continue building consensus through discussion of potential topics for inclusion in a Wolf-Livestock Interactions chapter in the California Wolf Plan.

The primary objective of the meeting was to discuss Department responses to stakeholder comments on the draft wolf-livestock chapter.

The meeting was attended in person by six stakeholders and four CDFW staff, with one additional stakeholder attending via conference line. Appendix A provides a list of participants, their affiliations, and their contact information. In addition, one legislative representative attended in person. Appendix B provides that individual's name.

## **3.0 Meeting Outputs**

### **Introductions**

Attendees introduced themselves for the benefit of the member attending via conference line, and the legislative representative.

### **Discuss Stakeholder Comments and Department Responses on First Draft of Wolf-Livestock Interactions Chapter**

At the previous meeting of the Wolf-Livestock Interactions Subgroup on March 25, 2014, the Department presented the first draft of the Wolf-Livestock Interactions chapter. At that meeting, the group decided they would work within their respective caucuses to develop a single set of comments per caucus to provide to the Department by Thursday, April 3, 2014. Mr. Pete Figura then combined the two sets of comments into a single document, which was presented for discussion at this April 9 meeting. This meeting then consisted

of discussing each of the comments made, with consensus reached on some items. The discussion covered through the subsection titled *Indirect Effects*.

Items that were tabled for further work and/or discussion:

- The wording in the second paragraph of the subsection *Depredation Numbers and Trends*
- Whether or not to include commentary on the lack of data supporting indirect effects of wolves on livestock

## **Summary and Wrap-up**

The group concurred that further work is still needed on the chapter, especially with respect to work on wolf-livestock strategies. The next meeting was scheduled 9am to 12pm on May 6<sup>th</sup>, and a second meeting was scheduled for 9am to 12pm on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **Action Items**

- Ms. Pamela Flick will look into the primary citation for the effectiveness of RAG boxes and provide that citation to Mr. Figura
- Ms. Amaroq Weiss will send a copy of the Muhly et al. 2010 document to Mr. Figura
- Mr. Figura will generate a next iteration of the chapter based on today's discussion

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