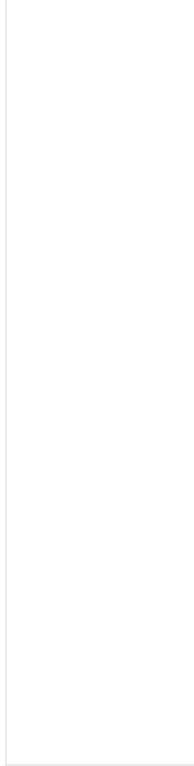


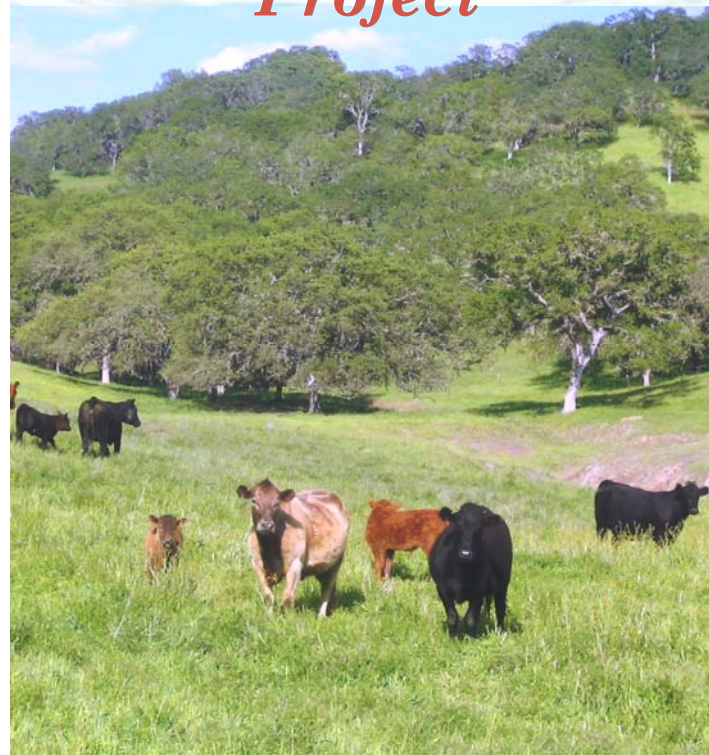
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The Follow up of: Ranching Sustainability Self-Assessment Project



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Looking for a way to evaluate your operation? Want to stay at the top of your game? Maybe this project can help you!

Teach, Learn, and Discuss:

- Voluntary Self-Assessment Tool
- "BEHAVE" Study
- History of annual grasslands

San Luis Obispo County Oak Woodland Stewardship Program

The University of California Cooperative Extension and the Native Tree Committee, San Luis Obispo County, are holding a workshop on a voluntary ranching self-assessment project. This project has tremendous potential to aid private landowners throughout California in implementing sustainable ranching practices.

With some input from resource professionals but mainly created by ranchers for ranchers, this ambitious, long-range project was developed by an impressive committee of local ranchers with decades of ranching experience. They believe that this can be a powerful, proactive tool to guide ranchers through evaluating and improving their operations. This is done by a self-assessment process in which the producer asks a series of questions about the social, economic, and natural resource management practices he or she is using. *Your participation, expertise, and feedback will help this project to evolve and ensure that it meets the needs of the California ranching community.*

The scheduled event 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 goal of Working Among the Oaks is to increase public understanding of the land stewardship practices on farms and ranches and to help the agriculturalist discover products, methods, and market alternatives that may assist in keeping working landscape ownerships in the family. In this way, San Luis Obispo County oak woodland, which occurs mostly on agriculturally zoned land, will also be sustained.



San Luis Obispo County Oak Woodland Stewardship Program is supported by a grant from The California Wildlife Conservation Board's Oak Woodland Conservation Act of 2001

Introducing the Ranching Sustainability Self-Assessment Project

Registration begins at 8:30 AM and the workshop starts at 9 AM. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided.

AGENDA

- 8:30-9:00 Sign-In & Morning Refreshments
- 9:00-9:10 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
- 9:10-9:25 Introducing the Ranching Sustainability Self-Assessment Project—*George Work, Ranch Manager, San Miguel*
- 9:25-12:15 Rancher-led Discussions (short BREAK at 10:30)
- 12:15-13:00 LUNCH
- 13:00-13:20 "BEHAVE" Program—*Royce Larsen, UCCE*
- 13:20-14:00 History of Grasslands—*Ben Bartolome, UC Berkeley,*

For more information, contact:
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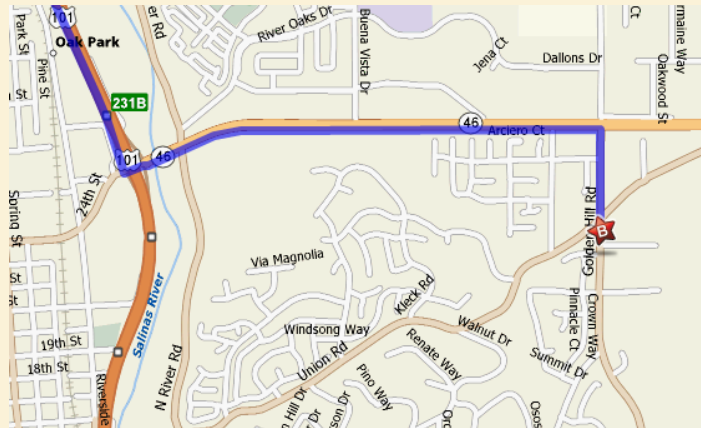
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 Self-assessment forms will be available online at: <http://ucanr.org/ccihmp>.

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Ranching Sustainability Self-Assessment Project Follow up

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Learning Among the Oaks developed an interpretive trail on 15 acres of the historic Santa Margarita Ranch (SMR) adjacent to the Santa Margarita Elementary School. Learning Among the Oaks provides Santa Margarita School's K-6th grade students with opportunities for hands-on oak woodland studies within the context of a working cattle ranch. Learning Among the Oaks is supported by the SMR, the California Conservation Corps, Santa Margarita 4-H, the Land Conservancy of SLO Co., and many other collaborators.

