Cattle Grazing
Santa Teresa County Park

Grazing Management Plan for Serpentine Habitat Management
Santa Teresa County Park Grazing for Conservation

- Santa Clara County Park Natural Resource Management
- Development of Goals
- Why Reintroduce Grazing?
- Implementation
Vegetation Management
System-wide

- Livestock Grazing
  - Cattle & Goat Grazing
- Prescribe Fire
- Manual (mechanical, volunteers, torching)
- Herbicide Application (County IPM Ordinance)
Grazing: Range Management Tool

- 1992 County Board of Supervisors adopted Parkland Range Management Policy
  - Addresses use of livestock grazing
- County Parks currently utilizing Cattle Grazing as a management tool
  - Joseph D. Grant, Ed Levin and Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch
  - Rancho San Vicente & Tulare Hill
  - Canada del Oro, Calero County Park
Parkland Range Management Policy Goals

- Protect, conserve, enhance natural plant communities
  - Serpentine Habitat Management (Listed Species)
  - USFWS Recovery Plan
  - Annual Grassland Management
- Rehabilitate degraded vegetation and wildlife habitat
  - Maintain Health of Rangeland Ecosystem
  - Invasive Plant Management
- Reduce Fire Hazards
- Maintain Recreation & Access
- Provide for the Safety of Park Users
- Create Livestock Management Plans
Why Re-introduce Grazing?

- 1992 SCC Parkland Range Management Policy
- Successes with Range Management
  - Current Parks Program
- Recovery Plan for Serpentine Species of the San Francisco Bay Area-USFWS
- Serpentine Management Successes
  - Coyote Ridge
  - County Parks
Implementation

- Phased Approach
  - Staging/Corral
  - Primary Serpentine Habitat (Rocky Ridge/Serpentine Ridge)

- Grants
  - USFWS & Bureau of Reclamation Central Valley Project

- Continue Public Outreach
  - CEQA, Signage, Website