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Managing Rangeland for Pollinators

TEHAMA COUNTY WORKSHOP

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8AM—12 Noon

Pollinators are essential for about 75% of the world's flowering plants. Additionally, roughly 35% of our global crop production relies on pollination by insects. Forage crops such as clover and alfalfa are entirely dependent on insect pollination. Yet, pollinators are in decline across the United States.

Studies have shown that rangeland habitat is important for sustaining abundant pollinator communities, and thereby providing benefits to farm landscapes. Ranches (and their management) play a key role in supporting pollinators and the service they provide to nearby farms.



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Come learn:

- Why native pollinators are important for our food system
- The importance of rangeland for these essential insects
- How to use RDM* guidelines to manage rangeland for cattle, pollinators, and plant diversity
- Practical steps to improve habitat for native pollinators and biodiversity on your land
- Common range plants that support pollinators

*RDM = Residual Dry Matter

Speakers:

Katharina Ullmann, CA Pollinator Conservation Coordinator, Xerces Society

Josh Davy, M.S., Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor, UC Cooperative Extension

Chris Rose, Restoration Specialist, Audubon California's Landowner Stewardship Program

Location:

Tehama District Fairground, Tehama Room at 650 Antelope Blvd, Red Bluff, CA



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