



## UFRW Water Quality Field Day – Agenda August 8<sup>th</sup> 2008 9:00am -1:00pm

*Objective: Ranchers share experiences about improving livestock/forage management and mitigating water quality concerns, understand special studies, discuss how to document positive efforts, explore options for funds to implement a variety of on-the-ground practices and assist with compliance monitoring for the ILRP in the UFRW.*

- **9:00-9:20**
  - Welcome/ Introductions/ Plan for the Day – Holly & Prop 50 Team
  - General Overview of Van Vleck Property & Operations – Lewis
  - Posters: Sampling sites, Special Studies, Landowners & BMPs
- **9:20-9:30 Walk out to Tail Water Return Location**
  - Fencing around bottom portion of MFFR (Dan/Lewis)
  - Discussion of other BMP's folks have implemented:
    - Offsite water – Genasci, Copren, Abrams
    - Fencing – Roen, Maddalena, Copren, Filippini, Carmichael
    - Irrigation/Tailwater Control: Reid, Maddalena
- **9:45- Head to Bottom of Ranch for Monitoring Demonstration**
  - Water Monitoring Demonstration (Kristin, Carol)
    - Sample, Flow, Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Temperature, Photos
- **10:20 Walk through gate to top of Abrams Ranch**
  - Ranch operation: hay/temporary electric fence/graze – Allan/John (10)
  - Soil Moisture/Forage Quality Study – Kristin (5)
- **10:45 Head back to cars---note historic “watershed” over the creek**
- **11:00 Carpool to Ranch Headquarters on A-23 (restroom/cool drinks)**
- **11:30 Discussion of Mobile Solar Water Trough (Dan Martynn)**
- **11:45 Updates on Funding Opportunities and Plans for the Future**
  - Status of MRP with Sac Valley Coalition...Carol
  - Monitoring options after Prop. 50 - UFRW Group (Russell/Paul)
  - Ranch Water Quality Assessments/Document Needs & Practices
    - Ken Tate will assist locals with assessment – Holly/Russell
  - Funding Opportunities
    - NRCS (Dan/Carol), WCB (John), SNC (Cindy, Kristin, Carol)
  - Digital Story re: Ag Viability & Stewardship in Sierra Valley (Annie/Holly)
- **~12:15-12:30 Lunch ...sit with someone new & discuss proactive ideas**
- **1:00 Closing/ Thank you / Questions / Concerns/ Suggestions**

**Gracious Host: Lewis Van Vleck**

**Sponsors: UFRW Group, P-S Cattlemen, P-S Farm Bureau, UCCE via Prop 50**