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biodiversity – the aggregate of native species assemblages (communities), individual (native) species, and genetic variation within such species and the processes by which these components interact within and among themselves.

BM [Bovinical Method] – this method, used exclusively by proponents of cattle grazing on public lands, is characterized by the excessive use of bovish for the purpose of disseminating as much misinformation as is necessary to discredit any efforts by others to discourage cattle grazing on public lands.

bovish – the language spoken by proponents of cattle grazing on public lands. The words used closely resemble the English language but the meanings are different so as to support the *Bovinical Method*.

browse – to consume leaf and twig growth of shrubs, woody vines, trees, cacti, and other non-herbaceous vegetation available for consumption.

CBD [Center for Biological Diversity] – an environmental organization that sued the EBRPD in 1998 in an effort to get the District to do an Environmental Impact Report on parks which utilized cattle grazing as a wildlands management tool. (www.biologicaldiversity.org)

CEQA [California Environmental Quality Act] – a statute that requires state and local agencies to identify the significant environmental impacts of their actions and to avoid or mitigate those impacts, if feasible.

The basic goal of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) ([Pub. Res. Code §21000 et seq.](#)) is to develop and maintain a high-quality environment now and in the future, while the specific goals of CEQA are for California's public agencies to:

- 1) identify the significant environmental effects of their actions; and, either*
- 2) avoid those significant environmental effects, where feasible; or*
- 3) mitigate those significant environmental effects, where feasible.*

EBRPD [East Bay Regional Park District] – a public agency whose primary mission is to acquire, develop, manage, and maintain a high quality, diverse system of interconnected parklands in the East Bay region of the San Francisco Bay Area, which balances public usage and education programs with protection and preservation of our natural and cultural resources. (www.ebparks.org)

forage – edible parts of plants, other than separated grain, that can provide feed for animals.

habitat – the place or environment where a plant or animal naturally or normally lives and grows.

preservation – to keep safe from injury, harm, or destruction.

riparian – relating to or living or located on the bank of a natural watercourse (as a creek, river) or sometimes of a pond, lake or a tidewater.

seasonal grazing – grazing restricted to one or more specific seasons of the year.