

A rancher's perspective by Justin Fields





My crew and I



Neighbors and friends provide additional help





Stocker cattle graze seasonally, generally November through June



Stockers grazing at Swanton Pacific



Cow-calf operations are generally year-round



Most ranches in the Bay Area calve in the Fall



Can we move to the Bay Area?



Good fences are essential, especially for the perimeter



Elk create challenges to maintain good fences





Stock ponds work well provided there are no restrictions





Adequate working facilities are needed





Longer lease agreements are a greater incentive for ranchers









Be willing to understand each others point of view



Meeting on site can make decisions easier





Designate feed grounds to monitor for invasive weeds



Choose the right stock for the job



Stockers might be a better option



Work together to find ways to minimize conflicts with the public







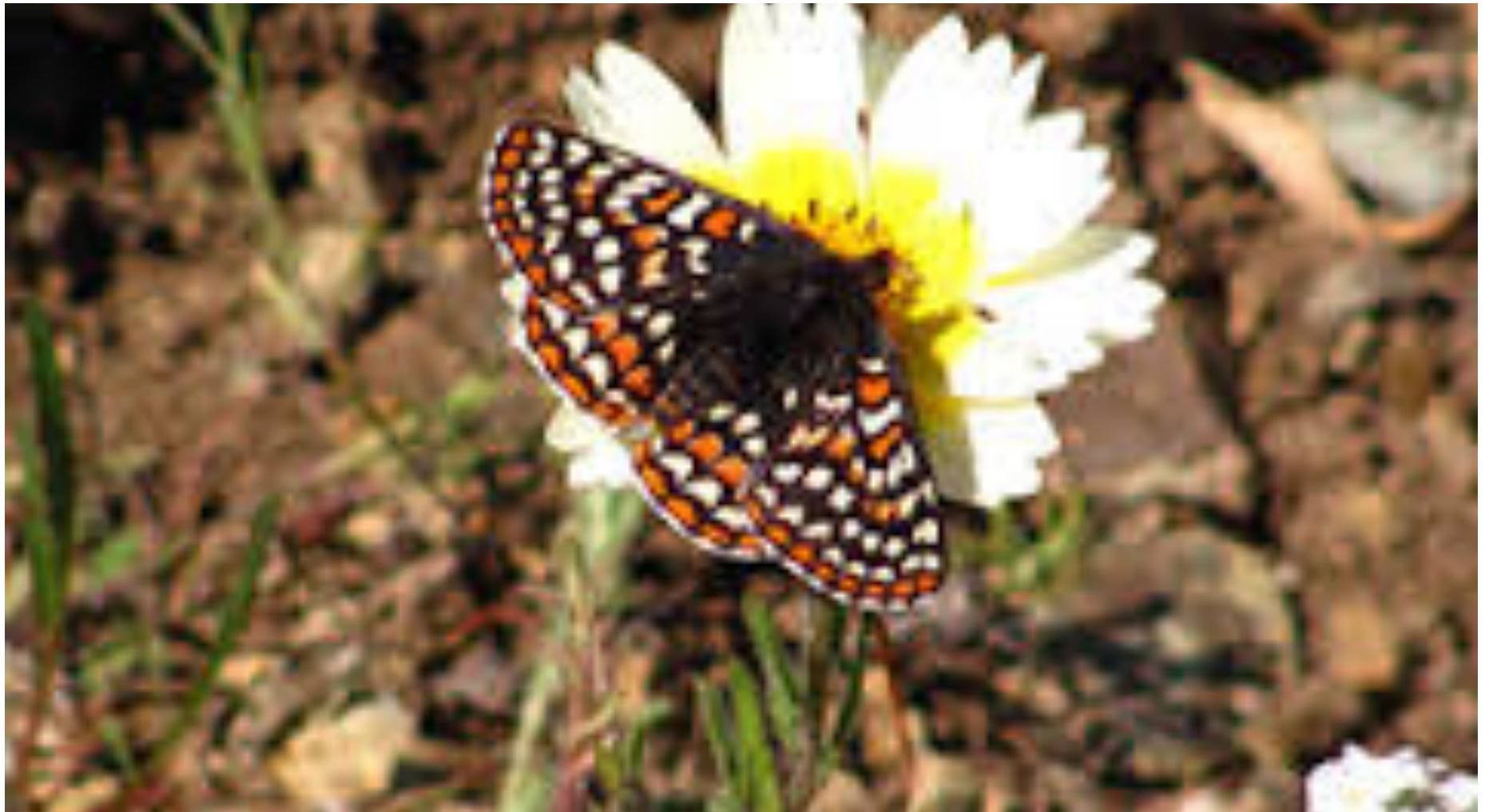
Ranching in suburbia isn't easy



Spending time in nature is why we are here today













Focus on our similarities

