



CALIFORNIA INVASIVE WEED AWARENESS COALITION

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Fund the Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Act of 2004

P.L. 108-412 is the product of a thorough and informed debate regarding how to combat the increasing threat of invasive plants in the United States. The law authorizes \$15 million to control this threat. To date, no funds have been appropriated to put the law into action. **We urge Congress to appropriate funding for the Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Act of 2004 at its authorized level of \$15 million for FY 2007**, and to consider restoring funding to the \$100 million specified in the bill's original language.

Pass the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act (NAISA)

Congress reauthorized the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 as the National Invasive Species Act of 1996. While these laws aid in the fight against aquatic invaders, they do not completely address the problem. NAISA would correct the problems in the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 and reauthorize the portions of that law that should remain. **We urge Congress to pass comprehensive legislation such as H.R.1591 and S.770.**

Provide funding for the USDA-ARS Lab in Albany

Funding is needed for the USDA Agricultural Research Service laboratory in Albany, CA, to develop effective and safe biological control agents for top priority invasive plants. **We urge Congress to appropriate at least \$2.5 million to the Albany lab's biocontrol program to ensure its efficacy.**

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