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2007 POSITIONS

Invasive Weeds Awareness Day at the Capitol

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1. **Support SB 311**, providing an additional \$1 million for invasive weed control through the state's network of Weed Management Areas (WMAs).

Background: This would make whole the \$2.5 million in the Legislature's 2006-2007 budget, which was reduced to \$1.5 million by the Governor. Current funding only addresses one-third of high-priority control projects. Seed grants to WMAs leverage a 3-to-1 match in other funds and in-kind contributions from local stakeholders.

2. **Implement *California Noxious & Invasive Weed Action Plan***, addressing barriers to more effective prevention and management of invasive plants.

Background: Released jointly by CDFA and the Resources Agency in 2006, the plan calls for short- and long-term actions in 10 priority areas to address the growing impact of invasive plants in California. A fundamental need is establishment of executive-level coordination of agency programs with broad stakeholder involvement.



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California's Weed Management Areas

What is a WMA?

Local stakeholder groups working in collaboration to address high priority invasive weed infestations.

Where are WMAs?

Everywhere—the network of 42 WMAs formed in the last decade now covers the entire state. They are typically coordinated at the local level by a county Agricultural Commissioner or a Resource Conservation District.

What have WMAs accomplished?

Over 2,000 high priority populations of invasive weeds have been eradicated, and over 100,000 acres have been treated.

How has the program been funded to date?

Seed grants come from a fund created at CDFA, and these funds have leverage a 3-to-1 match in other funds and in-kind contributions. Initial program funding expired in 2004. Last year the legislature added \$2.5 million to the CDFA budget for the program, which the Governor reduced to \$1.5 million.

Who participates in WMAs?

Agencies involved in land management (local, state, and federal); private landowners, such as utilities, land trusts, foresters, ranchers and farmers; and interested NGOs like Audubon Society and the Native Plant Society.

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CALIWAC member groups include Regional Council of Rural Counties, California Cattlemen's Association, California Farm Bureau Federation, California Native Plant Society, and California Invasive Plant Council.

Organizations endorsing AB 2479 (Cogdill) in 2006

Statewide Organizations:

- California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association
- California Association of Pest Control Advisers
- California Association of Resource Conservation Districts
- California Cattlemen's Association
- California Council of Land Trusts
- California Farm Bureau Federation
- California Forest Pest Council
- California Invasive Plant Council
- California Native Grasslands Association
- California Native Plant Society (CNPS)
- California Society for Ecological Restoration
- Regional Council of Rural Counties
- Sierra Club California
- Trust for Public Land
- CNPS Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter
- CNPS Milo Baker Chapter (Sonoma County)
- CNPS Monterey Bay Chapter
- CNPS Mt. Lassen Chapter
- CNPS Orange County Chapter
- CNPS San Luis Obispo Chapter
- CNPS Santa Clara Valley Chapter
- CNPS Sierra Foothills Chapter
- CNPS Yerba Buena Chapter (San Francisco)
- Center for Land-Based Learning (Winters)
- Channel Islands Restoration
- Colusa County Department of Agriculture
- Concerned Resource & Environmental Workers (Ojai)
- Conservation Biology Institute (Encinitas)
- Contra Costa Resource Conservation District
- Cummings Valley Protective Association (Tehachapi)

Local & Regional Organizations:

- Acterra (Palo Alto)
- Alameda County Resource Conservation District
- Alameda-Contra Costa Weed Management Area
- Alpine County Board of Supervisors
- Audubon Canyon Ranch (Stinson Beach)
- Bay Area Open Space Council
- Big Sur Land Trust
- Butte County Resource Conservation District
- Cache Creek Conservancy (Woodland)
- Catalina Island Conservancy
- Center for Natural Lands Management (Fallbrook)
- CNPS Alta Peak Chapter (Tulare County)
- CNPS Dorothy King Young Chapter (Mendocino)
- CNPS El Dorado Chapter
- East Bay Municipal Utility District
- El Dorado Invasive Weed Management Group
- Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District (Riverside County)
- Farm Bureau of San Diego County
- Fresno County Board of Supervisors
- Friends of Bidwell Park (Chico)
- Friends of Edgewood Natural Preserve (Redwood City)
- Friends of Five Creeks (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties)
- Friends of Switzer Canyon (San Diego)
- Garrapata Creek Watershed Council (Monterey)
- Glenn County Board of Supervisors
- Glenn County Department of Agriculture
- Glenn County Resource Conservation District
- Golden Gate Audubon Society
- Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District

- Humboldt/Del Norte Weed Management Area
- Inyo and Mono Counties Agricultural Department
- Kern County Board of Supervisors
- Kern County Department of Agriculture
- Kern Weed Management Area
- Lake County Weed Management Area Partnership
- Lake Tahoe Basin Weed Coordinating Group
- Land Trust for Santa Barbara County
- Lassen County Special Weed Action Team
- Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council
- Marin Conservation Corps
- Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
- Mariposa County Department of Agriculture
- Mendocino Weed Management Area
- Mendocino Coast Cooperative Weed Management Area
- Merced County Board of Supervisors
- Mission Resource Conservation District (Fallbrook)
- Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District
- Mojave Desert Weed Management Area
- Mojave Water Agency
- Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority (Malibu)
- Mountains Restoration Trust (Santa Monica Mountains)
- Napa County Board of Supervisors
- Napa County Resource Conservation District
- Nature in the City (San Francisco)
- Ojai Valley Land Conservancy
- Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy
- Quail Ridge Wilderness Conservancy (Davis)
- Regional Assn. of Northern Counties Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers (Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas/Sierra, Shasta, Sisiyou, Tehama and Trinity Counties)
- San Benito County Agricultural Department
- San Bruno Mountain Watch
- San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
- SPAWNERS - San Pablo Watershed Neighbors Education & Restoration Society (Contra Costa County)
- Santa Barbara Audubon Society
- Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
- Santa Barbara County Department of Agriculture
- Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department
- San Diego County Department of Agriculture
- San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors
- San Luis Obispo County Department of Agriculture
- Santa Lucia Conservancy (Carmel)
- Santa Margarita/San Luis Rey Weed Management Area
- Shasta County Department of Agriculture
- Sierra-Cascade Land Trust Council
- Sierra Club - Santa Lucia Chapter
- Solano County Weed Management Area
- Solano Land Trust
- Solano Resource Conservation District
- Sonoma Land Trust
- Southern Low Desert Resource Conservation & Development Council
- Surfrider Foundation, Ventura County Chapter
- Sutter County Board of Supervisors
- Tehachapi Resource Conservation District
- Tehama County Resource Conservation District
- Thirty-Second Street Canyon Task Force (San Diego)
- Trinity Resource Conservation and Development Council
- Tulare County Board of Supervisors
- Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District
- Ventura County Resource Conservation District
- Yolo County Resource Conservation District



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Invasive Plants Damage California's Environment and Agriculture

Invasive non-native plants impact:

- **Wildlife**—degraded or destroyed habitat
- **Agricultural production**—reduced yields and quality
- **Water availability**—altered hydrologic cycles
- **Wildfire**—increased intensity and frequency
- **Flood Control**—impairment of natural and man-made mechanisms
- **Recreation**—reduced hunting, bird watching, fishing, and boating
- **Land value**—significantly reduced, both public and private
- **Erosion**—changing conditions for native vegetation

They infest more than **100 million acres** in the continental U.S., at a cost conservatively estimated at **\$34 billion annually**.

The Ecological Society of America estimates that invasive plants contributed to the **listing of up to 46% of all threatened and endangered species** in the U.S.

In the Sacramento Valley, yellow starthistle has **reduced available water** valued at up to **\$56 million a year**.

More information at:

- www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov
- www.cal-ipc.org

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