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Weed Management Area Overview

- History
- Current Funding
- Weed Authority
- Regional Planning



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WEED MANAGEMENT AREAS

Food & Ag code 7272 (b) A “weed management area” is a local organization that brings together all interested landowners, land managers (private, city, county, state, and federal), special districts, and the public in a county or other geographical area for the purpose of coordinating and combining their action and expertise to deal with their common weed control problems. The organization shall function under the authority of a mutually developed memorandum of understanding and subject to statutory and regulatory requirements. A weed management area may be voluntarily governed by a chairperson or a steering committee.

- Program created via AB 1168 in 1998. Appropriated at \$200,000 / yr for 3 years.
- Program expanded and budget increased to \$5.4 million / 4 yrs through SB 1740.
- Program reauthorized through annual budget 2007-2010.
- Program eliminated 2011 due to General Fund budget cuts. Reinstated in 2019 through Biodiversity. Funding was cut as result of COVID but positions remain.
- David Kratville was designated Statewide Weed Coordinator as of 2020.



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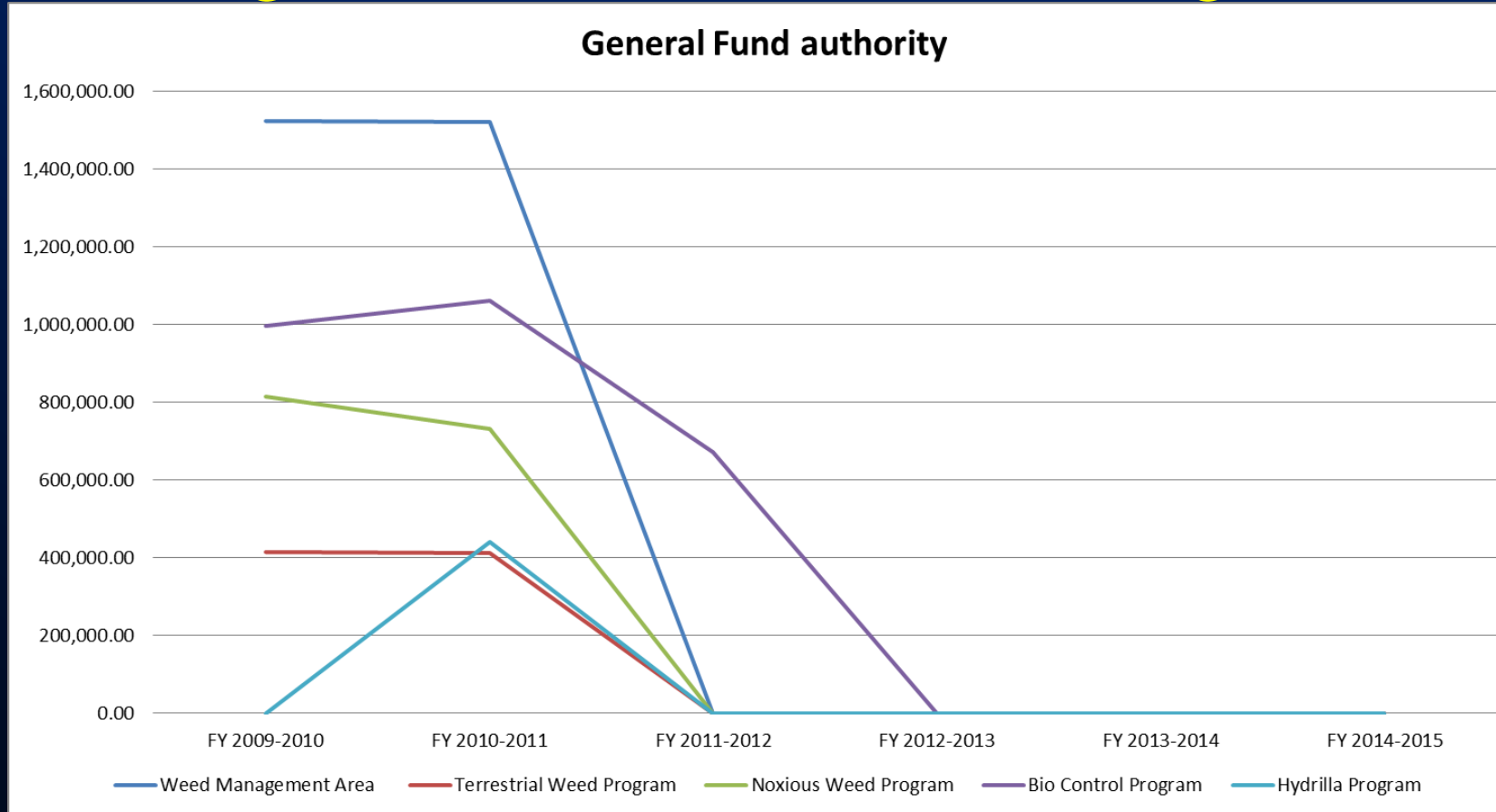


Key:

- Counties creating WMA's
- Counties with existing WMA's



California Department of Food and Agriculture Integrated Pest Control Funding Cuts



General Fund support returned in FY 18/19. Legislation still supports WMA activities, and we are hopeful of future support once the COVID funding constraints relax.



Other Sources of Weed Management Funding

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)
- USFS State and Private Forestry funding 2010-2019
- USFS Central Sierra Tree Mortality Funding 2017-2019
- SB 840 one-time allocation – 2019 Noxious Weed Grant Program
- California Biodiversity Initiative – 2020 Noxious Weed Grant Program
- CACASA Unclaimed Gas Tax – 2021 Noxious Weed Grant Program



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CDFA – Noxious Weed Grant Program

The screenshot shows the CDFA website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with social media icons and utility links like News, Jobs, Contact, and Settings. Below this is a main menu with icons for Programs, Plant, Contact Us, Meetings, Regulations, Services, and Search. The breadcrumb trail reads: CDFA Home | Plant Health | Integrated Pest Control | Encycloweedia. The main heading is "Noxious Weeds". A "Pest Hotline: 1-800-491-1899" button is visible. A section titled "Notes on Identification, Biology, and Management of Plants Defined as Noxious Weeds by California Law" contains a paragraph about the site's origin. Below that, a "Noxious Weed Grants" section lists five downloadable templates: 2021 Noxious Weed Grant Program RFP, 2021 NWGP Budget Template, 2021 NWGP Project Application Template, and 2021 NWGP Reporting and Mapping Template. On the right side, there are two sidebar sections: "IPC PROGRAMS" with links to IPC Home, Biocontrol Program, Curly Top Virus Program, Hydrilla, Pink Bollworm, and Vertebrates; and "Data Sheets" with a link to California Noxious Weeds.

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Noxious Weeds

Pest Hotline: 1-800-491-1899

How to Report a Pest

IPC PROGRAMS

- IPC Home
- Biocontrol Program
- Curly Top Virus Program
- Hydrilla
- Pink Bollworm
- Vertebrates

Data Sheets

- California Noxious Weeds

Notes on Identification, Biology, and Management of Plants Defined as Noxious Weeds by California Law

The California Department of Food and Agriculture created and supports this site as a resource for public use. The University of California, Davis brought together and organized the information in the sheets.

Noxious Weed Grants

- 2021 Noxious Weed Grant Program RFP
- 2021 NWGP Budget Template
- 2021 NWGP Budget Template
- 2021 NWGP Project Application Template
- 2021 NWGP Reporting and Mapping Template



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CDFA – Noxious Weed Grant Program

Currently in third year of grants.

- 2019 – General Fund money – SB 840 - \$1.75 awarded to Resource Conservation Districts and County Depts (including CACs) 33 grants total. Runs through March 2021
- 2020 – Biodiversity Initiative- \$40,000 to CACs from General Fund, remaining money intended for research, oversight, etc. was lost. Many agreements received no-cost time extensions due to COVID-19.
- 2021 – Unclaimed Gas Tax – \$32,000 per county max, currently processing proposals from 49 Counties.



2021 Noxious Weed Grant Program

- One grant proposal per County Agricultural Commissioner.
- Maximum of \$32,000, may be funded at less than requested.
- CAC's must apply and oversee, may subcontract work to other entities.
- Mapping and Treatment of Sec. 4500 Noxious Weeds and A-rated or regionally important B-rated weeds.
- GIS data for weed locations and control efforts must be submitted directly to CDFA or shared through CalFlora.
- Coordination (WMA) recommended but not required.



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2021 Noxious Weed Grant Program

Program goals include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

- (1) Increase the profitability and value of cropland and rangeland.
- (2) Decrease the costs of roadside, park, and waterway maintenance.
- (3) Reduce the fire hazard and fire control costs in the state.
- (4) Protect the biodiversity of native ecosystems.
- (5) Maintain the recreational and aesthetic value of open space, recreational, and public areas.
- (6) Increase water supply and flow.



2021 Noxious Weed Grant Program

The following costs are *not* allowed:

- Costs incurred outside of the project term.
- Costs covered by another State or Federal grant program.
- Pre-development costs, including, but not limited to: permits, project designs, and any other activities that contributed to a project's readiness.
- Costs associated with environmental review required for project permits, including preparation of Environmental Impact Reports.
- Expenditures for purchasing or leasing land or buildings.
- Costs of food or rent incurred during community outreach.
- Costs associated with mitigation of potential adverse impacts (i.e., California Government Code Section 16428.86(a)).



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2021 Noxious Weed Grant Program

Grantor: [CA Department of Food and Agriculture](#)

Portal ID: 3490

Status: Closed (49 total applications submitted)

Opportunity Type: Grant


Last Updated: August 19, 2020, 10:22 am

CATEGORIES: ■ [AGRICULTURE](#), ■ [ENVIRONMENT & WATER](#)

Purpose:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) 2021 Noxious Weed Grant Program (NWGP) will award grants to eligible applicants within the State of California for the implementation of an integrated weed management plan.

Description:



IMPORTANT DATES

Application deadline	Expected award announcement	Period of performance
9/18/20 17:00	10/16/2020	1/15/2021-6/30/2022











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Pest Rating and Mitigation Actions

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PEST RATING PROPOSALS


The California Department of Food and Agriculture grants the public opportunities to comment on proposed pest ratings.

The following categories of pest rating proposals are available for comment: Insects, Mites and Earthworms; Nematodes; Plant Pathogens; Snails and Slugs; Vertebrate Pests; and Weeds.

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Pest Rating Proposals and Final Ratings

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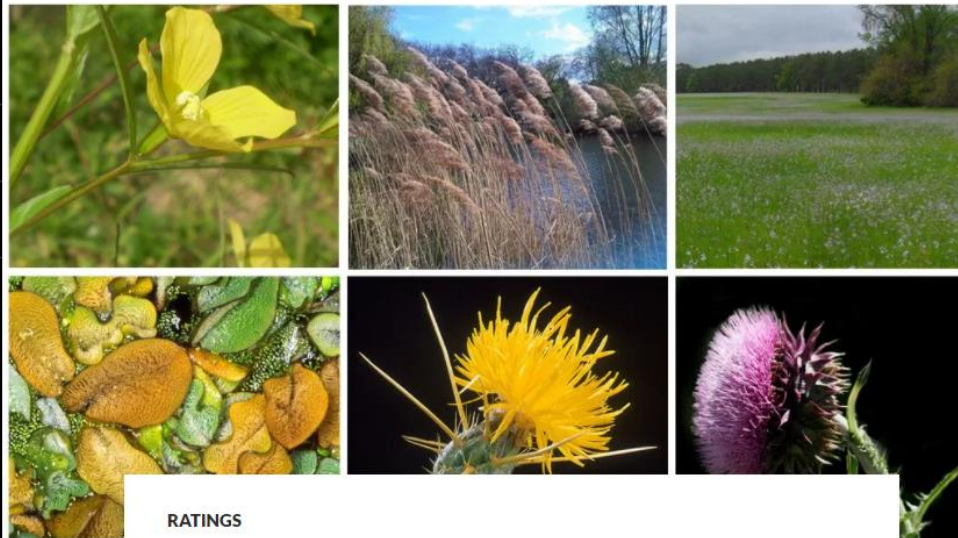
The CDFA's Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services Division grants the public opportunities to comment on proposed pest ratings. The following type of proposals are available for comment:

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WEEDS

MAY 13, 2016 LISA SERRANO

Weeds are simply an unwanted plant in the wrong place, at the right time. The weeds can directly and indirectly impact agricultural crops and are just as costly to the environment as any other unwanted species.

LINKS

Insects, Mites & Earthworms

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DOCUMENTS

Pest Ratings and Mitigating Actions, Section 3162 (PDF)

Pest Rating Process | Instructions (PDF)

Pest Rating Proposal Form (Word Document)



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CDFA Action Oriented Pest Rating System

“A” An organism of known economic importance subject to state (or commissioner when acting as a state agent) enforced action involving: eradication, quarantine, containment, rejection, or other holding action.

“B” An organism of known economic importance subject to: eradication, containment, control or other holding action at the discretion of the individual county agricultural commissioner.

OR

An organism of known economic importance subject to state endorsed holding action and eradication only when found in a nursery.

“C” An organism subject to no state enforced action outside of nurseries except to retard spread. At the discretion of the commissioner.

OR

An organism subject to no state enforced action except to provide for pest cleanliness in nurseries.

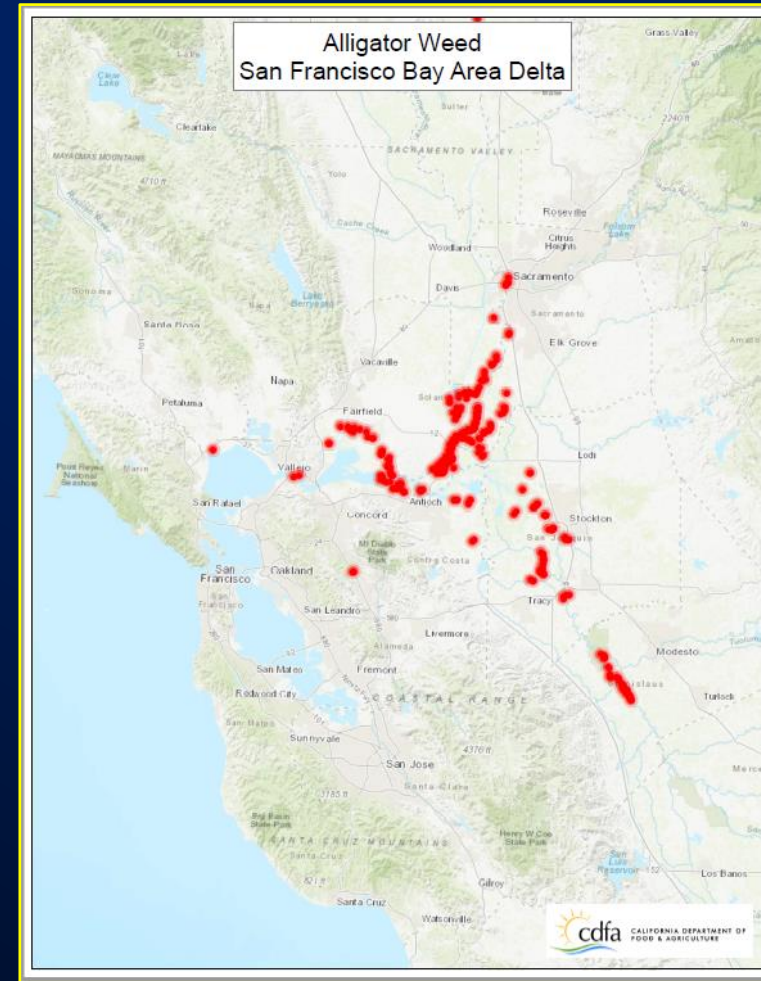
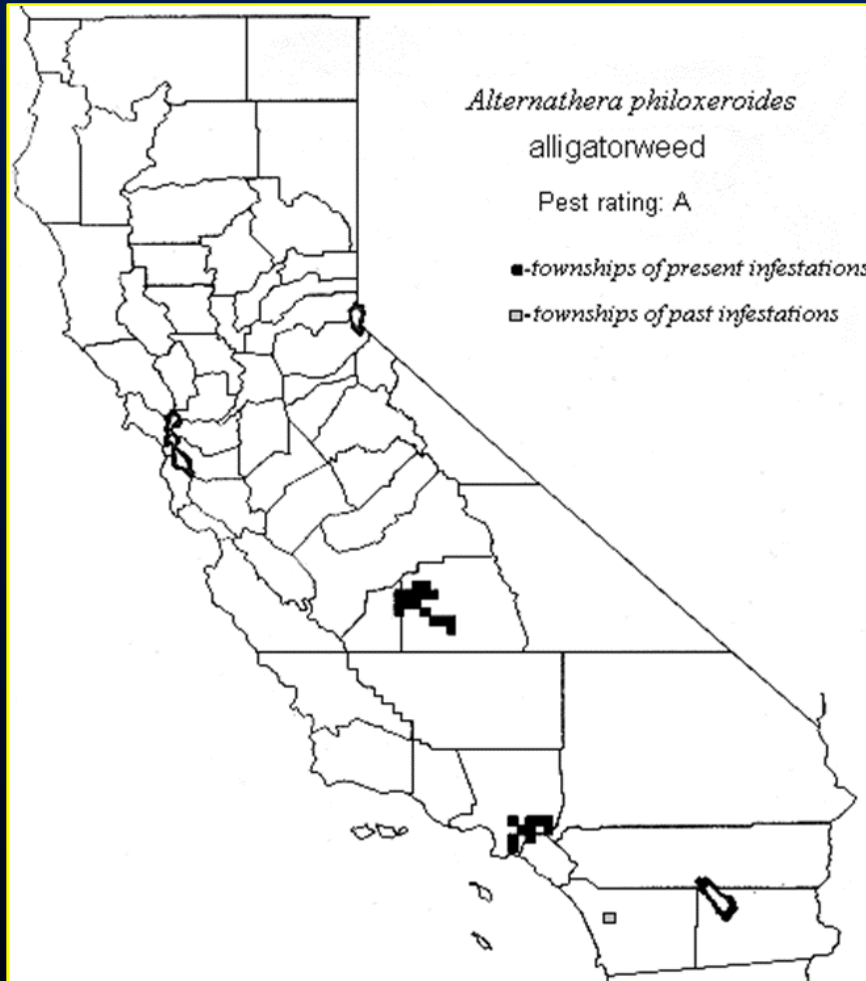
“Q” An organism or disorder requiring temporary "A" action pending determination of a permanent rating. The organism is suspected to be of economic importance but its status is uncertain because of incomplete identification or inadequate information. In the case of an established infestation, at the discretion of the Assistant Director for Plant Industry, the Department will conduct surveys and will convene the Division Pest Study Team to determine a permanent rating.

“D” No action. (Parasites, predators, and organisms of little or no economic importance).



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A-rated weed example





CA Code of Regulation Sec. 4500 Noxious Weed

It has been determined that the following species of plants are noxious weeds within the meaning of Section 5004 of the Food and Agricultural Code:

- *Acacia paradoxa* (Kangaroo thorn)
- *Acaena anserinifolia* (bidly bidly)
- *Acaena novae-zelandiae* (bidly bidly)
- ...
- *Zygophyllum fabago* (Syrian beancaper)

This regulation shall in no way restrict the designation of a weed pest to those species listed herein.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 407 and 5004, Food and Agricultural Code.

Reference: Section 5004, Food and Agricultural Code.



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California Invasive Plant Council

Regional Planning Effort

19 Regions across the State
Utilizing weed occurrence data to prioritize
regional
Eradication priorities as well as surveillance
targets.





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Thank you!

