

MCL Invasive Plant Subcommittee

Meeting of June 17, 2015

Agenda

Announcements/Calendar Items/Info Sharing:

- MMWD policy change on use of herbicides
- Recent listing of Glyphosate as a “probable carcinogen” by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) of the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Presentations to Board of Supervisors about herbicide use at Ring Mountain
 - Marin Voice article?
- Draft IPM Policy
- Draft Invasive Species Policy
- Marin County Vegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan EIR
- Cal Fish and Wildlife Action Plan 2015 Update
- Measure A Funding for invasives work

Paul: Prepare a Measure A advocacy binder for committee members and activists, with steps in the process and a list of resources

In general--Eva Buxton, Betsy Bikle

San Rafael--Paul Minault, Kate Powers:

Tiburon, Belvedere & Fairfax--Eva Buxton

Mill Valley & Ross—Betsy Bikle

Sausalito—Kate Powers

Corte Madera—Dave Chenoweth

Larkspur—Betsy Bikle

Novato—Susan Stampe (Nona said she would talk with her)

San Anselmo: Nona Denis

Unrepresented: Marin County, and Marin's six Community Service Districts (CSD's) (Bel Marin Keys, Marin City, Marinwood, Muir Beach, Tamalpais Valley, and Tomales Village).

Homestead Valley County Service Area—Dagmar Hakim

Current Action Items

Paul

- Provide input on Dave Chenoweth's list of organizations
- Draft outline and text for a model invasive plant ordinance

Eva

- Review the Tiburon and Fairfax General Plans to see what they say about invasives
- Draft working notes on invasive plan goals, policies and actions to be included in our proposal for all Marin's cities' general plans. Download the California General Plan Guidelines on the OPR website to use as a resource and model.

David Long

- Contact Plant Right to ask them to add cotoneaster and Pride of Madeira

Kate Powers

- Prepare a contact list of committee members and interested parties
- Talk to Nona, Greg Reza and Paul de Silva at COM re getting a student/intern to prepare a binder of useful documents for cities and agencies to use in managing invasive weeds, such as the MMWD and county vegetation management plans, the Weed Workers Handbook, etc.

Jude Stalker

- Review Novato general plan and ordinances to see what they say about invasives and draft working notes on invasive plan goals, policies and actions to be included in our proposal for all Marin's cities' general plans and ordinances.

Betsy Bikle

- Draft "what am I a resource for" and send to other members

Matters Pending, On Hold, or on a Long Fuse

- Letter to OPR re revision of CEQA Appendix G. (Recommendation submitted 6/3/14) (Paul)
- Letter to OPR re Update to General Plan Guidelines (submitted 7/12/14) (Paul)
- Progress on San Rafael Canalways site (Nona, Eva)

- Work with MCL Ag Committee to reinvigorate the Ag Commissioner's weed management plan and weed management area meetings

Mission Statement

The mission of the Invasive Plant Subcommittee of the Parks and Open Space Committee is to educate and inform the citizens of Marin County about the threat to our open spaces posed by invasive plants and to mobilize the human, financial, governmental and institutional resources of our county to take effective action to restore our open space habitats to their natural condition to the maxim extent reasonably feasible.