

MCL Invasive Plant Subcommittee

Meeting of October 21, 2015

Agenda

Announcements/Calendar Items/Info Sharing:

- Bay Area Open Space Council Gathering November 19, Berkeley.
- Proposed invitation to Prof. Paul da Silva to meet informally with us and discuss his work and interest in restoration issues [and his letter re Ring Mountain]
- Status update on draft IPM policy
- MMWD board meeting on watershed funding, December 8, 7:30 p.m.
- New Book: Tao Orion, Beyond the War on Invasive Species: a Permaculture Approach to Ecological Restoration, Chelsea Green Publishing, June, 2015
- New Book: Fred Pearce, The New Wild: Why Invasive Species Will Be Nature's Salvation, Beacon Press, April 2015.
- OEHHA is proposing to list glyphosate as a known carcinogen, per my email, and to propose a "safe harbor" exposure level.

Agenda Items

Recent Events

- Open Space District Board meeting October 6 on use of glyphosate
- Report: Yesterday's Blue Circle meeting on The Round-up on RoundUP
- Status update: draft letter to the Board of Supervisors re the search for a new Parks and Open Space Director, stating our concerns to find a candidate with solid experience managing invasive species.

Current/New Items

- Presentation by Janet Klein of MMWD: "What does a decade of chemical free weed control look like" and discussion of new funding plan for the watershed
- The Precautionary Principle: discussion and a policy?
- Paul: review of Harpers Magazine article re differing perspectives on the control of invasive plants.

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 maximum extent reasonably feasible.

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Meeting of September 16, 2015

Minutes

Attending: Paul Minault, Nona Dennis, Priscilla Bull, Eva Buxton, Kate Powers

Announcements/Calendar Items/Info Sharing:

- Board of Supervisors public workshop, Tues Oct. 6, re IPM, herbicides, and invasive plants on open space preserves (and other public lands); educational campaign (Nona). Note: Carolyn Longstreth has invited Dr. Paul da Silva to speak.

-Saturday Sept. 19 Coastal Cleanup Day

-Sunday Sept. 27 Jerry Meral's pine tree removal project at Drakes Estero

-Thursday, Oct. 8, 9:30-3:30; Advocacy Workshop: Water Words that Work (from Janet Klein)

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Recent Events

-Report on multi-agency meeting in SF on 9/10 re herbicide use policy. This meeting included agencies from all levels of government, from San Jose to Marin. Only agency personnel were invited. We understand that they were not able to develop a single policy document that would work for all agencies, because they work in varying contexts and have different issues to deal with. Nevertheless, they made some progress on the policy document and plan to meet again.

-Status update: draft letter to the Board of Supervisors re the search for a new Parks and Open Space Director stating our concerns to find a candidate with solid experience managing invasive species. [item postponed]

-Letter from Prof Paul Da Silva, COM, to Supervisor Rice re herbicide use on Ring Mountain (attached) [item postponed]

Current/New Items

-Presentation by Janet Klein of MMWD: "What does a decade of chemical free weed control look like" [postponed]

-Discussion: draft IPM policy for MCL (Attached for Members). There were no further comments on the draft, but it prompted a vigorous exchange of views among those present. Nona reported on MCL's efforts to secure the services of a public relations consultant for our IPM campaign.

-Paul: review of Harpers Magazine article re differing perspectives on the control of invasive plants. (attached) [postponed]