

MCL Invasive Plant Subcommittee
Meeting of Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Agenda

Time and Place: 3:00 p.m., 175 North Redwood Dr., Tamalpais Conference Room (across the corridor from MCL offices in Suite 135)

Announcements/Calendar Items/Info Sharing:

-Expanding our email list. Members are reminded to be on the lookout for people interested in our work who we can add to our email list.

-Request for guest speakers and topics. Another reminder to members to be on the lookout for speakers and topics of interest to our group.

-Note: August committee meeting was cancelled for vacation

-Request from Stefan Parnay, Deputy Ag. Commissioner, to establish a working group to develop invasive plant lists for agricultural and open space lands in Marin County.

-Environmental Forum of Marin Master Class. What do they learn about invasive plants, and who do they have to teach it? Update on this year's program. Need for a capable presenter with comprehensive knowledge of invasives in Marin and impactful visuals to present to general audiences throughout the county.

-Jule Stalker: More on glyphosate (?)

-Proposal for an invasive plant ordinance for Mill Valley: request for knowledgeable people to assist with information gathering.

Agenda Items

Recent Events & Updates

-Letter from Jerry Meral following up our meeting in August with Chris Lehnertz, Superintendent of GGNRA.

-MMWD Watershed Committee Meeting on September 15: Tania Treis of Panorama Environmental and Janet Klein presented on the release of the MMWD Biodiversity, Fire and Fuels Integrated Plan ("BFFIP"). Hard copies and/or thumb drives are available at MMWD.

-Parks and Open Space Commission meeting on September 15: Janet Klein presented on the contents of the MMWD BFFIP, which was released to the public the same day. Mischon Martin presented on the upcoming release of the MCOSD vegetation management plan and final EIR and the IPM program.

New Items

-Peter Sandman, lecturer and author: Responding to Community Outrage: Strategies for Effective Risk Communication [online book on his website]. "Risk = Hazard + Outrage." Review by Nona.

-Inquiry from Dr. Patrick Moran, Research Entomologist, USDA-Agricultural Research Service, Exotic and Invasive Weeds Research Unit, Albany, seeking a site on private property for release of a potential cape ivy biocontrol agent.

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.