

MCL Invasive Plant Subcommittee

Meeting of Wednesday, November 16, 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.

-Parks and Open Space Commission hearing tomorrow 11/17 3:00 Board Chambers.
Reports on vegetation management projects.

-Scoping meeting for MMWD BFFIP EIR in early December, date unspecified.

Agenda Items

Recent Events & Updates

-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. Eva will report on progress.

-Measure A Commission meeting November 10. Eva will report.

-MCOSD Directors meeting November 8 regarding action on the VBMP and EIR. Paul will report (see attached notes).

-Mills College \$40,000 grant for restoration of jewel flower in Tiburon. Eva will report.

-One Tam Science Summit 2016 Conference. Paul will Report.

-Cal-IPC Annual Symposium 2016. Paul will report.

New Items

EPA tentatively concludes Glyphosate not likely to cause cancer: more research to come. Paul will report on EPA's September 12, 2016 review of scientific reports.

-Eva's power point presentation on invasive plants.

-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. He suggested Point Reyes as a likely place to find such a site. Paul believes Bolinas might also have candidates. We need someone willing to do a driving survey for possible sites.

-Plant Right's Annual Report. Volunteer needed to work with Plant Right to focus on small nurseries in Marin to stop selling invasives.

-Peter Sandman, lecturer and author: Responding to Community Outrage: Strategies for Effective Risk Communication [online book on his website]. “Risk = Hazard + Outrage.” We need someone to review and summarize.

-Jude Stalker: More on glyphosate regulation in Europe. (Postponed)

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.