

Marin Conservation League
Invasive Plant Subcommittee

Meeting of Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Agenda

Time and Place: Third day (Wed.) of the third week of every month at 3:00 p.m. (3/3/3), 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.

-Scoping meeting for MMWD Biodiversity, Fire and Fuels Integrated Plan (BFFIP) EIR. Wed. January 25th, 2017. 7:00 p.m. at the Marin Art & Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Ross. MCL is preparing scoping comments and will submit them before the comment deadline on February 3, 2017.

-Status of the Board of Supervisors' information and outreach program regarding reducing herbicide use on private property in the county. The county will be forming action teams in March to get the word out and is looking for volunteers. Anyone interested should contact Kevin Wright at County Parks.

-Novato general plan update. Draft general plan goes to planning commission January 12. Unclear when it will go to the city council. We have a brief window to advocate for inclusion of invasive plant management goals, policies and actions in the plan. What should they be?

-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.

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Recent Events & Updates

- Paul's meeting with Max Korten, Director of County Parks and Open Space. Further follow up.
- Proposal for an invasive plant management program for Mill Valley. Paul will report on his discussions with and the proposal submitted to Stephanie Moulton-Peters for an invasive plant management program for Mill Valley.
- Jerry Meral's proposal for a parcel tax for watershed restoration in Marin. No update.
- Mills College grant and county funding for restoration of jewel flower in Tiburon. Eva to report on any new developments.
- One Tam Science Summit 2016 Conference. Paul will report
- Cal-IPC Annual Symposium 2016. Paul will report.

New Items

- Proposal for an invasive plant program for Mill Valley. Paul will report.
- Are invasive plants and their seeds, rhizomes and regenerative parts "pollutants" for purposes of the Marin County Stormwater Ordinance? Let's find out.

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.