

Minutes of the General Meeting, Inland Mendocino Cooperative Weed Management Area

Date: July , 2007

Attendance:

Ray Harrie, Mendocino County Department of Agriculture

Tara Athan, IMCWMA Coordinator

Lauren Johnson, USFS Mendocino District

Julie Rogers, Mendocino Fire Safe Council

Chuck Williams, CNPS-Sanhedrin, Inland Mendocino Land Trust

Carre Brown, Mendocino County Farm Bureau

Call to Order (15:10)

Quorum was achieved with 50% of MOA signatories present.

Approval of Consent Calendar: unanimous

Discussion Item

NFWF Phase I progress Report has been submitted.

The project has 3 phases.

Phase 2 funds have been requested.

Much Phase 2 work has already been done such as roadside surveys.

About a third of the work has already been completed.

The progress report will be supplemented to become the final report.

Action Item

The Inland Mendocino Cooperative Weed Management Area authorizes the Department of Agriculture to contract with Tara Athan to implement the distaff thistle project funded by CDFA.

Approved unanimously.

Discussion Item

The RFP from CDFA for WMA funding was reviewed. Questions were formulated in order to get clarification from CDFA on points in the RFP that were confusing.

Action Item

It was determined by unanimous agreement that each WMA would prepare 1 or 2 projects requesting approximately half of the available funding.

Suggested Projects include:

1. Red Sesbania eradication.
2. Arundo eradication. Educational outreach to reluctant landowners to take advantage of assistance available from Circuit Riders Productions, Inc, to eradicate Arundo donax in the Russian River watershed. Partners have contacts that could assist with these landowners.
3. Water primrose. Complete distribution is unknown, but populations have been observed in Potter Valley and at downstream locations.
4. Weed Prevention Areas. Could be included if this meets the definition of High-Value Sites.

Discussion Item: Location for Roadside Pilot Project

Suggestions: tie in to Weed Prevention Areas

Potential Locations include:

1. County road corridors at entrance to exist Weed Prevention Areas at Williams Ranch and Running Springs Ranch.
2. Caltrans corridor adjacent to Ridgewood Ranch (Golden Rule Association)
3. Fetzer conservation easement

Adjourned 14:45.

Minutes recorded by Tara Athan.