



CALIFORNIA INVASIVE WEEDS AWARENESS COALITION

4th Annual Invasive Weeds Awareness Day at the Capitol

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Morning: Regional Council of Rural Counties, 801 12th Street, Sacramento

Afternoon: California State Capitol

NGO Partners:

Regional Council of
Rural Counties

California Cattlemen's
Association

California Invasive
Plant Council

California Farm Bureau
Federation

California Forest Pest
Council

California Native Plant
Society

DRAFT Agenda – not all speakers confirmed

- 8:30 a.m.** Registration and coffee
- 9:00 a.m.** Reports
- **Current legislation for WMA funding** *Andrea Fox, Cal. Farm Bureau Federation*
 - **CDFA update: WMA and state weed program goals** *John Connell, Director, Plant Health & Pest Preventions Services [invited]*
 - **Resources Agency update: The Aquatic Invasive Species Plan and quagga mussel response** *Todd Ferrara, Deputy Secretary for External Affairs [invited]*
 - **The Legislature's interest in interagency coordination on invasive species response** *Cal. State Assembly [invited]*
 - **CACASA update: Progress on updating CDFA's noxious weed rating system, and efforts for high-risk pest exclusion funding** *Greg Van Wassenhove, Santa Clara County Agricultural Commissioner [invited]*
 - **Funding weed management projects through bond funds** *Dept. of Water Resources [invited]*
 - **Progress of the California Horticultural Invasives Prevention (Cal-HIP) Project** *Bob Falconer, Cal. Assn. of Nurseries & Garden Centers [invited]*
 - **Report back from National Invasive Weed Awareness Week** *Bob Pickard, Supervisor, Mariposa County*
- 10:40 a.m.** Break
- 11:00 a.m.** Legislative Meeting Preparation
- **Guidelines for meeting with legislators** *Megan Icanberry, Senate Fellow, Office of Senator Dave Cogdill*
 - **Strategy and logistics for our legislative visits** *Doug Johnson, Executive Director, Cal. Invasive Plant Council*
- 12:00 p.m.** Lunch (provided)
- 1:30 p.m.** Appointments with Legislators and Staffers (at the State Capitol)
- 4:00 p.m.** Debriefing (State Capitol Room TBA)
- 5:00 p.m.** Social Hour (Pyramid Brewery & Restaurant, 1029 K Street)

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