State and Federal Legislation Funding Initiatives

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What is CALI WAC?

California Invasive Weed Awareness Coalition

• Coalition of private sector groups concerned with invasive weeds

• Mission: support and enhance existing weed control efforts in California
How is CALIWAC supporting legislation?

**Legislator Education:**
- National Invasive Weed Awareness Week
- California Day at the Capitol
- *California Weed Awareness Week – July 18-24, 2005*

**Legislation:**
- Federal - Senate Bill 144
- New State Legislation - $2 Million Funding
Federal Legislation

- Meeting annually with congressional representatives during NIW A W
- “Leave behind” packet with a position paper, photos, background materials and contact information
- Highlight the success of “on the ground” projects and local programs
- Letters of support to Members and Committee Chairs
- S. 144 -$100 million to weed management entities
CALIWAC Team
Washington, D.C 2004

Day at the Capitol ’04
State Legislation

• Funds from Senate Bill 1740 – expired June 2004
• Push for new legislation to re-fund SB 1740
• California Invasive Weed Day at the Capitol – 2\textsuperscript{nd} Annual February 2005
• Educate legislators – particularly urban
What you can do to help!

• Alert your partners – be ready to write letters, make phone calls

• Participate in Invasive Weed Day at the Capitol and NIWAW

• Educate, Educate, Educate!