

# Volunteer Training on Invasive Plant Management

April 7, 2018 - Trudeau Center; 11500 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, CA

**9:00 Sign-in, Refreshments**

**9:10 Introduction**

*Importance of invasive plant management; Setting strategy and tracking progress; Regional coordination and the role of volunteer groups. Importance of sharing knowledge - today's meeting.*

**9:30 Biology and Management of Invasive Plants**

*Life strategy differences among invasive plants and how they influence control methods (annual, perennial, vine, woody); Identification resources. Principles of IPM; Strategic approaches; Mechanical, chemical, cultural and biological tools; Limiting spread of seeds and pathogens.*

**10:15 Project and Management Resources**

*Local experts presenting resources that are available to help you with your volunteer program. Resources focus on three areas: Plant Bio and ID; Management; and Mapping. Featured resources include: Cal-IPC Inventory and Plant Profiles, Weed Worker Handbook, Wildland Volunteer Network map, and Calflora website and Observer Pro smartphone app.*

**11:00 Break**

**11:15 Break-Out Discussions: Participants will rotate among groups**

Group 1 *Restoration Framework for Weed Management: Invasive plant control as part of larger restoration goals*

Group 2 *Group Management: How to get more out of your group*

**12:00 Lunch** (brown bag, bring your own)

**12:30 Tool Tailgate / Observer Pro Demonstration**

*Participants rotate between (1) an outdoor tool tailgate (highlighting field tools, tool maintenance, and prevention of seed/pathogen spread) and (2) an Observer Pro smartphone app demonstration for mapping plants (group will take short walk to Serpentine Prairie overlook and take a few representative observations).*

**2:00 Publishing Field Observations to Calflora**

*Return inside Trudeau Center to upload, edit and publish Observer Pro observations.*

**3:00 Adjourn (optional Serpentine Prairie tour)**

