

CALIFORNIA INVASIVE WEEDS AWARENESS COALITION

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3rd Annual Invasive Weeds Awareness Day at the Capitol

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

POSITIONS

Support AB 2479 (Villines), which adds \$2.5 million to the Noxious Weed Management Fund at the California Department of Food and Agriculture. This fund supports coordinated projects at the local level to address invasive weeds. Previous funding to the program has leveraged other resources at a 3-to-1 match, and projects have treated thousands of top priority weed infestations statewide.

Support implementation of the California Noxious & Invasive Weed Action Plan. This plan is the product of input from experts statewide, and is being released jointly by CDFA and the Resources Agency. The plan calls for short- and long-term actions in ten priority areas to address the growing impact of invasive plants in California.