



**HWMA
Steering Committee Meeting**

Monday, July 15, 2019
USFWS Conference Room
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome: Susannah Manning, Co-Chair

Introductions (meeting participants): Susannah Manning (RCAA), Domenic Bongio (Caltrans), Michelle Forys (CA State Parks), Andrea Pickart (HBNWR), John Summers (MRC), Bryan Atkinson (Humboldt Co. Ag.)

Approval of minutes: Minutes from the last meeting on April 15th, 2019 were approved.

II. HSU Plant list

CA State Park intern has shown interest in invasive plants at Humboldt State University (HSU). Concern with spread of plants into the nearby forest. HWMA members discussed conducting outreach to HSU as a signatory. Possibility of talking to Michael Messler (Plant taxonomy professor), along with landscape maintenance department to talk about native plants. Sending a letter or creating a HWMA subcommittee to conduct outreach to local organizations and business was discussed.

III. Update/review bylaws and objectives

HWMA members discussed a potential regional action plan, and creation BMP's for HWMA members to follow regarding invasive removal and coordination. Possibility of outreach to Humboldt Co. Public Works Department. Need to resend bylaws to the group was discussed, as well as the need to update the signatory list.

IV. Update on conversations with Jeff Dolf, County Ag Commissioner and Steve Madrone regarding herbicide use/WCB knotweed project

Discuss Dominic's suggestion...

Domenic's suggestion, Discussion of AB 916 and potential ban of glyphosate use on public lands. As a PCA he finds it disagreeable the way roundup has been associated with illness. Believes there should be some exceptions for treatments of specific species. Surveyed group for interest on this topic. Members discussed the need for a letter to come from headquarters and not from the WMA.

Humboldt County has visited knotweed treatment sites on county ROW and has checked on extent of populations. An encroachment permit from the County Public Works Department has been obtained. Jeff Dolf has reached out to CATS. Humboldt County Agriculture Department will be working together with RCAA to treat sites located on county ROW.

V. Round Robin (informal member reports)

- **Susannah Manning**
- **Michele Forys**
- **Domenic Bongio**
- **Bryan Atkinson**
- **John Summers**
- **Andrea Pickart**

VI. Closing announcements

Next meeting set for Monday, October 15, 2019 from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Arcata BLM Field Office, as people have Monday off for Columbus Day.