



## **Invasive Plant Management Training Agenda**

Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (9:30 am – 3:00 pm), Skyline Park, 2201 Imola Ave, Napa, CA 94559

### **9:15 Sign-in, Refreshments**

### **9:30 Introduction**

5 min - Welcome to site [*Site Host*]

10 min - 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. [*Cal-IPC*]

### **9:45 Why we care about invasive plants. Biology and Management of Invasive Plants**

Biodiversity and ecosystem health, and why we care about maintaining resilient ecosystems, and do so by managing invasive plants. Principles of IPM; Strategic approaches; Invasion curve and EDRR; How to approach a specific invasive plant problem: Life strategy differences among invasive plants and how they influence control methods (annual, perennial, vine, woody); Mechanical, chemical, cultural and biological tools; Limiting spread of seeds and pathogens. [*Chip Bouril, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)/Land Trust of Napa County; Tony Norris (Napa County Regional Parks and Open District)*]

### **10:30 Invasive Plant Resources...**

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 included: Calflora, the Observer Pro smartphone app, Cal-IPC resources, [Weeds of the West](#), [Weeds of California](#), and the Wildland Volunteer Network map. [*Cal-IPC*]

### **10:45 Break**

### **11:00 Ask the Experts YOUR management questions!**

Facilitated round robin about what weeds you work on, what questions you have, what additional info you might consider, etc. [*Local land manager lead: Rick Fessenden (Napa County Regional Park) with local experts from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Land Trust of Napa County, CNPS, Sonoma County Ag and Open Space, Napa County RPOSD, etc.*]

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

### **12:30 Lessons learned from local invasive plant management efforts**

- The power of volunteers and collaboration in Westwood Hills Park - *Kevin Hansen (Friends of Westwood Hills Park)*
- Invasive Plant efforts in the Open Space District – *Rick Fessenden (Napa County RPOSD)*
- Volunteer programs at the City of Napa Parks and Rec Department – *Kelly Verrinder (Napa Parks and Recs Volunteer Programs)*
- Working with volunteers as a part of land trust– *Megan Lila (Land Trust of Napa County)*
- An update on our invasive species efforts– *Mike Palladini (Land Trust of Napa County)*

### **1:30 New Regional Weeds to Watch! (EDRR species)**

Weed Alerts for Napa County. These species are new detections of concern to local land managers. Learn to ID these species, look for them and, if found, to map them in Calflora. Volunteers can help local land managers with mapping, and rapid response (“RR”) management. [Jake Ruygt - CNPS Napa Valley Chapter]

**1:45 Restoration Tour / Observer Pro Demonstration OR Optional Work Party**

*Restoration Tour* - Tour local restoration project with Skyline Park Stewards and discuss invasive plant management and restoration efforts while we take plant observations on Calflora’s Observer Pro app. [Tom Bunter - Skyline Stewards; Chip Bouril - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)/Land Trust of Napa County; Cal-IPC]

*Optional Work Party* (1:45 -4pm) – Work on blackberry patches in a riparian corridor of Skyline Park (w/ Rick Fessenden) or work on broom removal in Westwood Hills Park (w/ Kevin Hansen).

**2:45 Reflections, Additional Questions, Thank you & Course Evaluation [All partners; Cal-IPC]**

**3:00 Adjourn**

