

# Fire and Invasive Plant Management Training

Saturday, February 23, 2019  
Sonoma Garden Park (19996 7<sup>th</sup> St. E, Sonoma)



## 10:00 Sign-in, Refreshments

### 10:10 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. *[Cal-IPC]*

### 10:30 Invasive Plant Biology and Management 101

Life strategy differences among invasive plants and how they influence control methods (annual, perennial, vine, woody); Identification resources. How these plants negatively impact habitat and resources. Brief intro to principles of IPM; Strategic approaches; Mechanical, chemical, cultural and biological tools; Limiting spread of seeds and pathogens. *[Jason Mills, Sonoma Ecology Center]*

### 11:05 Top 10 Worst Offender Weeds in Sonoma County

Identify and describe top ten most problematic invasive plants in Sonoma County and strategic approaches to control each species. *[Jason Mills - Sonoma Ecology Center, Devyn Friedfel - Pepperwood Preserve]*

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

### 12:30 Fire and Invasives: How fire impacts invasive plant distributions in Sonoma County

*[Devyn Friedfel - Pepperwood Preserve]*

### 1:00 Fire and Invasives: What are top fuel threats here and how do we address them?

*[Jason Mills – Sonoma Ecology Center]*

### 1:30 Project and Management Resources

Resources that are available to help you with your volunteer program. Resources focus on: 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. Local updates on volunteer programs, upcoming events, internship opportunities. *[Lead: Cal-IPC, Tom Reyes – Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, Contributors: Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, Sonoma Ecology Center and Pepperwood Preserve]*

### 2:10 Talk, walk, weed and map Sonoma Garden Park!

Tour Sonoma Garden Park, practice taking plant observations on your smartphone with Calflora's Observer Pro app and get involved in an invasive plant removal project.

### 2:45 Adjourn

