

Cal-IPC Update

November 2025



Federal agency cuts

“Federal agency staff working to protect natural resources are a critical part of California’s land stewardship community.”

- Staff cuts
 - We lost both early-career and experienced late-career workers
 - Reduced **collaborative capacity**
- Grant funds

Accomplishments

Training:

- Conducted trainings for **Local Conservation Corps** statewide
- Organized the 34th annual **Cal-IPC Symposium**

On the ground:

- Supported work in SF Bay on ***Spartina***, ***Limonium***, and ***Paspalum***
- Helped coordinate ***Volutaria*** work in Borrego Springs
- Funded weed control projects on four **National Forests**







Accomplishments

Conservation Resources:

- Assessed 10 species for the **Inventory**, led interstate collaboration with WA, OR, NV, and AZ
- Completed the **CalWeedMapper** timeline tool
- Supported **PlantRight**, continued development of **PRE tool**
- Completed **herbicide calibration training video**
- Secured funding to extend functionality of **WeedCUT** online tool

Accomplishments

Management planning:

- Updated management plan for the **Orange County Central Reserve**
- Drafted management plan for **Golden Gate National Rec'n Area**
- Began planning with **Orange County Parks** and the **City of Vista**

Advocacy:

- Helped pass **SB 653** on environmentally sensitive veg'n management
- Advocated for **WMA** funding and **ISCC/CISAC** funding
- Spoke up for herbicides as a key part of **IPM** for wildland weeds

Vision – what are our goals for 2030?

Context:

- ↑ California's 30x30 Initiative
- ↑ Stewardship tracking now required (AB 900)
- ↑ WMAs getting 3 years of funding (2026, 2027, 2028 thru June)
- ↑ CalWeedMapper timeline tool tracks yearly progress
- ↓ Federal agencies weakened

Vision – 2030 “Stop the Spread” goal

Five years from now:

- WMAs have received steady funding every year
- WMAs covering 30% of the state’s counties are fully controlling 30% of the top priority EDRR weeds in their region every year, stopping their spread
- The land stewardship workforce is well trained, growing, and broadening



***Beyond Eradication:
Resistance, Resilience, and Recovery***

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