

CDFA 2025 WMA Update

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FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Congratulations to all WMA grantees!

CDFA appreciates your hard work and excellent applications

We are excited to see the outcome of your work and look forward to visiting your project sites



Aligatorweed (*A. philoxeroides*), an “A” rated pest

What we are covering

- CDFA directive and California policy
- WMA background & Funding
- 2025 WMA Grant Program
 - CEQA and MOU Deadlines
 - Invoicing and Reporting
 - Timeline
- Mapping
 - Data submissions
 - Required mapping data
- Weed Management Oversight Committee



Yellow star thistle, a “w” or “4500 listed” weed

CDFA and California weed policy

- Food and Agricultural Code Section 403 (General Provisions):
“The department shall prevent the introduction and spread of injurious insect or animal pests, plant diseases, and noxious weeds”
- 1999 Gov. Gray Davis: Food and Agricultural Code Section 7271(a)
“The Legislature designates the department as the lead department in noxious weed management”



Weed Management Areas

- **Current Status**

- 46 known WMA groups statewide
 - 2 inactive
- Defined in FAC 7272 Local Organization that brings together
 - Landowners
 - Land Managers - Federal, State, County, City, Private
 - Mutually Developed MOU
- Partnerships, partnerships, partnerships!
- CDFA has partnered with Cal-IPC



WMA Funding – Grants – 60%

- \$10 Million for Noxious Weed efforts – FAC Section 7271
- (1) Sixty percent of the moneys in the account shall be made available to eligible weed management areas or county agricultural commissioners for the control and abatement of noxious and invasive weeds according to an approved integrated weed management plan. These control moneys shall be made available through a grant program administered by the department. Proposals shall be evaluated based on the strategic importance for local and regional eradication of high priority noxious and invasive weeds.
- \$6 Million allocated to Grants

FUNDING – research – 20%

- (2) (A) Twenty percent shall be made available toward research on the biology, ecology, or management of noxious and invasive weeds; the mapping, risk assessment, and prioritization of weeds; the prevention of weed introduction and spread; and education and outreach activities. These moneys shall be made available to qualified applicants through a grant program administered by the department. Proposals shall be evaluated in consultation with the Range Management Advisory Committee, established pursuant to Section 741 of the Public Resources Code, with an emphasis placed on funding of needs-based, applied, and practical research.
- \$2 Million to Research

FUNDING – administration – 20%

- Positions being funded and weed committee formed
 - ❑ Statewide Weed Coordinator – Trevor Fox
 - ❑ Weed Specialist – Ratings and Risk assessments – Sam Skibicki
 - ❑ Research Data Analyst – Drew Gilberti

Weed Oversight Committee

- Livestock
- Crop Protection
- Cal-IPC
- Research
- CDFW
- RCDs
- Forestry
- State, Local & Regional partners

2025 WMA Grant Program funding completed

- 39 contracts sent for signature
- 89 million acres covered
- \$120,000 over three years per WMA
- \$4,751,409.95 in total funding awarded



WMA MOU and CEQA deadlines

- The deadline for CEQA documentation has been extended to 12/31/2025
- The deadline for the MOU submission is 12/31/2025



Cape Ivy, a “W” or 4500 listed species

2025 WMAGP Timeline

Grants Awarded	July 1, 2025
Submit CEQA & MOU Documentation	December 31, 2025
Quarterly Reports & Invoicing (Due one month after end of each quarter)	October 31, 2025, 2026, 2027 January 31, 2026, 2027, 2028 April 30, 2026, 2027, 2028 July 31, 2027, 2028
Final Date to Complete Field Work	June 30, 2028
Final Report	July 31, 2028
Final Invoice Due	September 30, 2028

Invoicing & Reporting

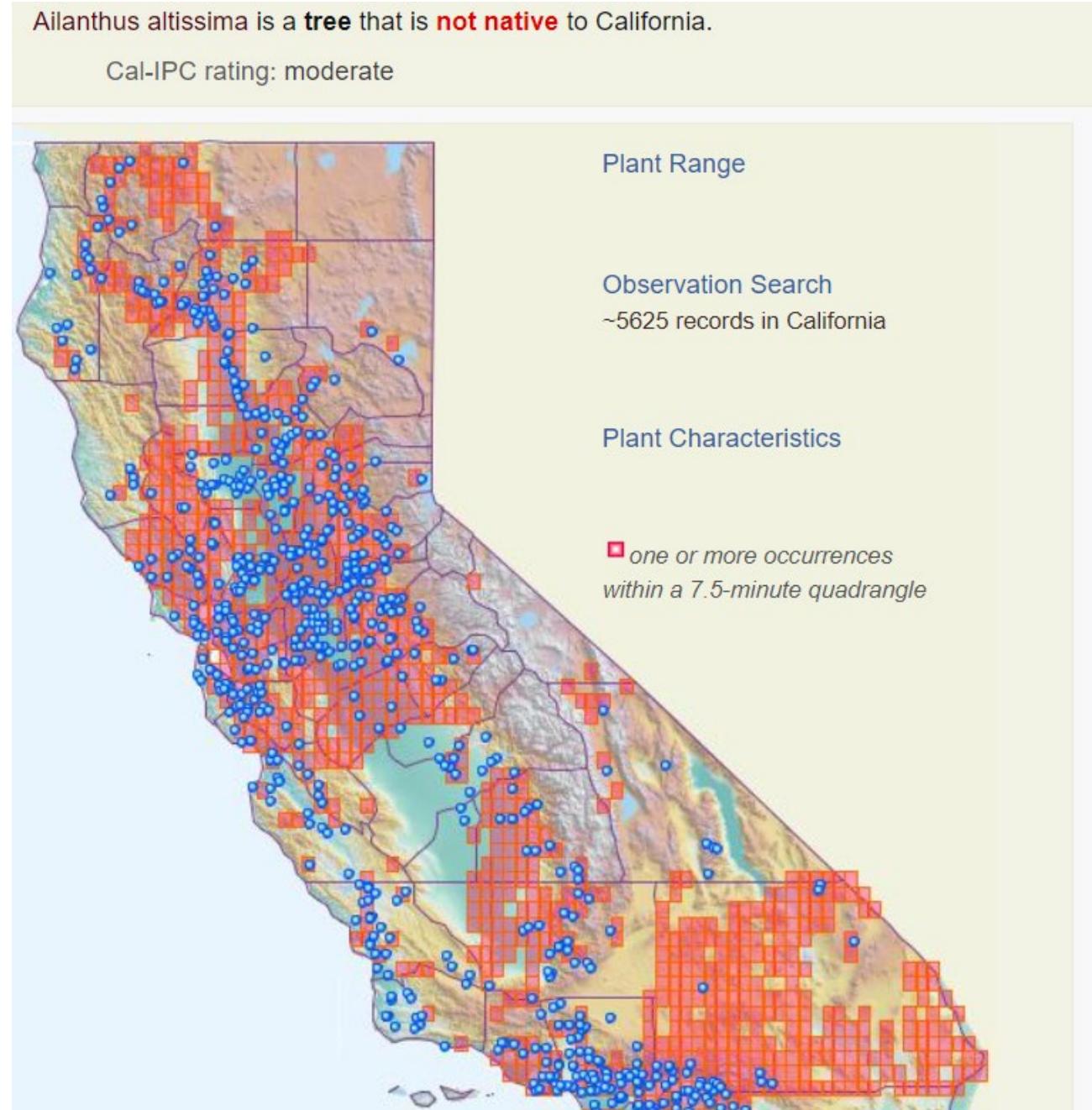
- Invoices and report due quarterly, starting October 31, 2025
- Reporting template hosted on the CDFA website under “[CDFA - Plant Health - Integrated Pest Control - Noxious Weed](#)” Grants
- Submit invoices to CDFA.PHPPS_IPCB_Invoices@cdfa.ca.gov, cc trevor.fox@cdfa.ca.gov
- If you need the invoice template, please request it from the above address

**Quarterly Reports & Invoicing
(Due one month after end of each quarter)**

October 31, 2025, 2026, 2027
January 31, 2026, 2027, 2028
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Mapping

- Weed data mapped/analyzed by CDFA Plant Data Analysis Services (PDAS)
- Calflora is the primary mapping tool for CDFA
- <https://www.calflora.org/>

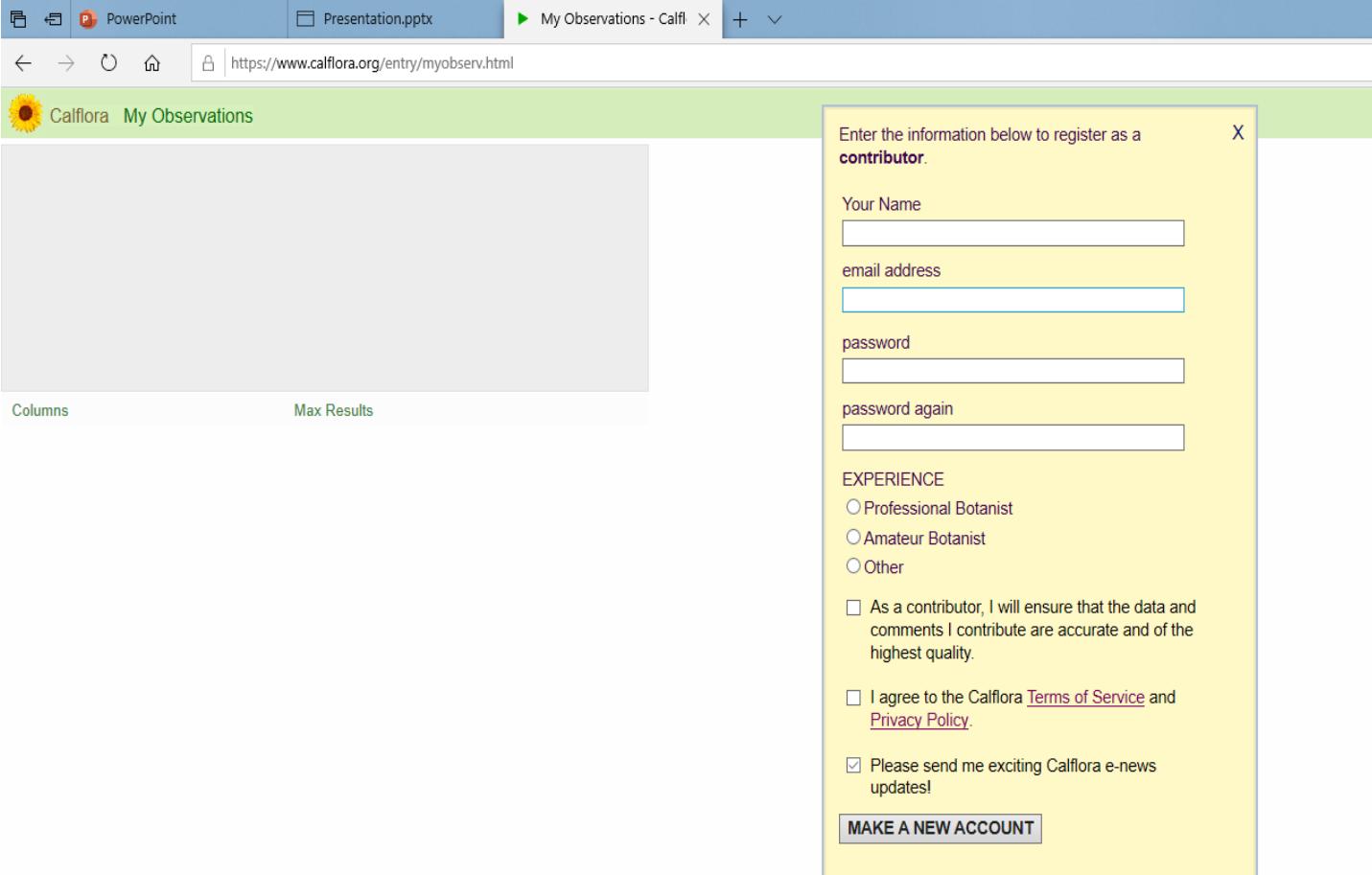


Mapping: data submissions

- If your WMA is documenting work in Calflora, it can be sent to CDFA by providing an email showing receipt of data by Calflora to pdas@cdfa.ca.gov. When choosing this option, you must adhere to the mapping guidelines on the reporting and mapping template
- Alternatively, you may send your work files/data/shapefiles directly to CDFA by submitting data in accordance with the guidelines listed in the mapping section below. Contact pdas@cdfa.ca.gov if you have questions or need assistance reporting your data

Calfiora

- Unlimited free users, based on email address
- Well suited to weed work, with attribute options intuitive to noxious weeds.
- "Groups" option is free and enables easy, confidential sharing.
- <https://www.calfiora.org/>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <https://www.calfiora.org/entry/myobserv.html>. The page title is "Calfiora My Observations". On the right side, there is a registration form for new contributors. The form fields include:

- Your Name:** Text input field.
- email address:** Text input field.
- password:** Text input field.
- password again:** Text input field.

Below these fields is a section titled **EXPERIENCE** with three radio button options:

- Professional Botanist
- Amateur Botanist
- Other

There are two checkboxes at the bottom:

- As a contributor, I will ensure that the data and comments I contribute are accurate and of the highest quality.
- I agree to the Calfiora [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

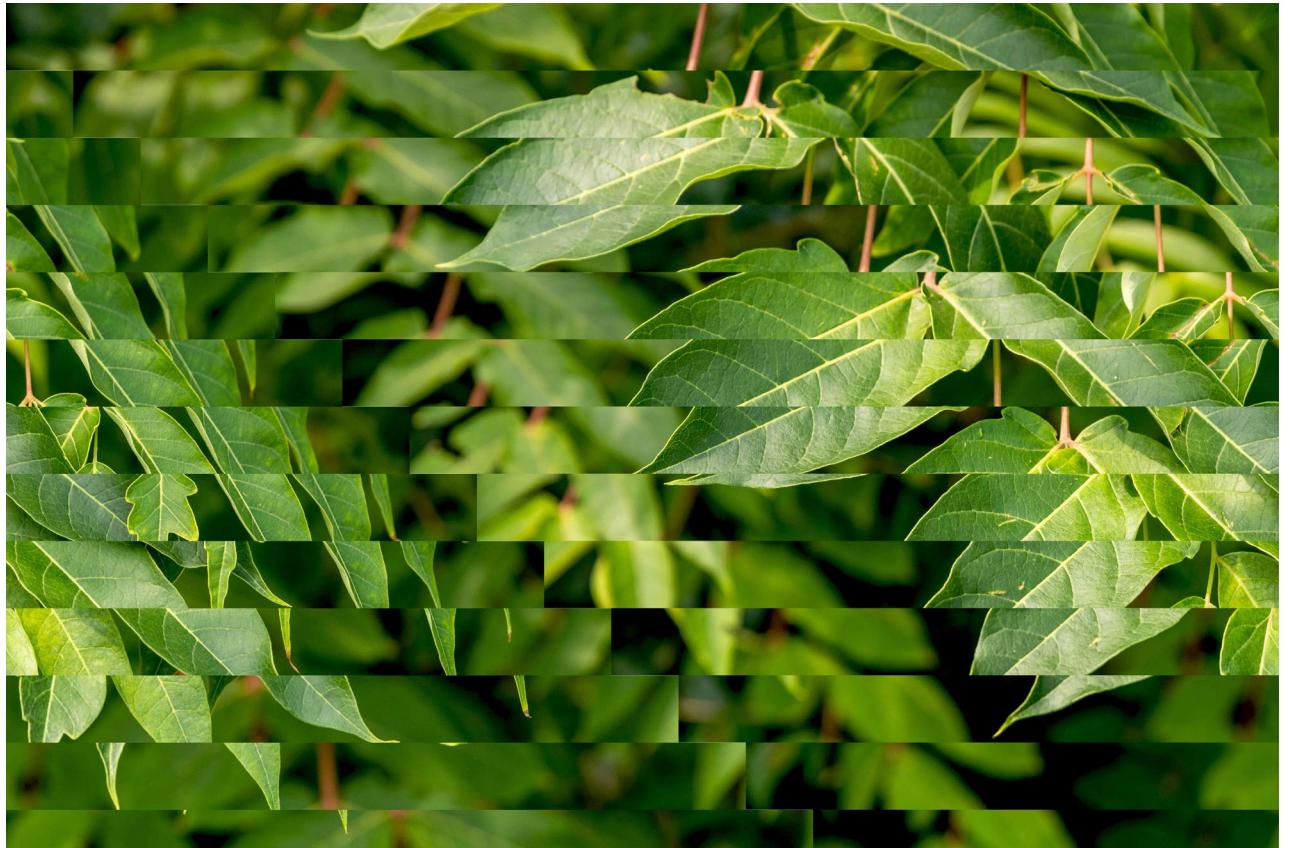
A checked checkbox is also present:

- Please send me exciting Calfiora e-news updates!

A "MAKE A NEW ACCOUNT" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Required mapping data includes:

- ID (unique observation #)
- Taxon (*Ailanthus altissima*)
- Common name (Tree of heaven)
- Location
- Date of observation
- Observer



Tree of heaven, a “C” rated pest

California Department of Food and Agriculture Weed Management Committee

- FAC Sec 7273 (a) The department shall designate and provide staff support to an oversight committee to monitor this article and shall consider input from weed management areas, county agricultural commissioners, and the Range Management Advisory Committee.
- (b) The membership of the oversight committee shall include an equitable number of representatives from each of the following interests:
 - (1) Livestock production.
 - (2) Agricultural crop protection.
 - (3) Forest products industry.
 - (4) California Invasive Plant Council.
 - (5) Research institutions.
 - (6) Wildlife conservation groups.
 - (7) Environmental groups.
 - (8) Resource conservation districts.
 - (9) The general public.
 - (10) Local government.
 - (11) The Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- (Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 271, Sec. 4. (AB 2402) Effective January 1, 2015.)

Thank you

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