

# 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

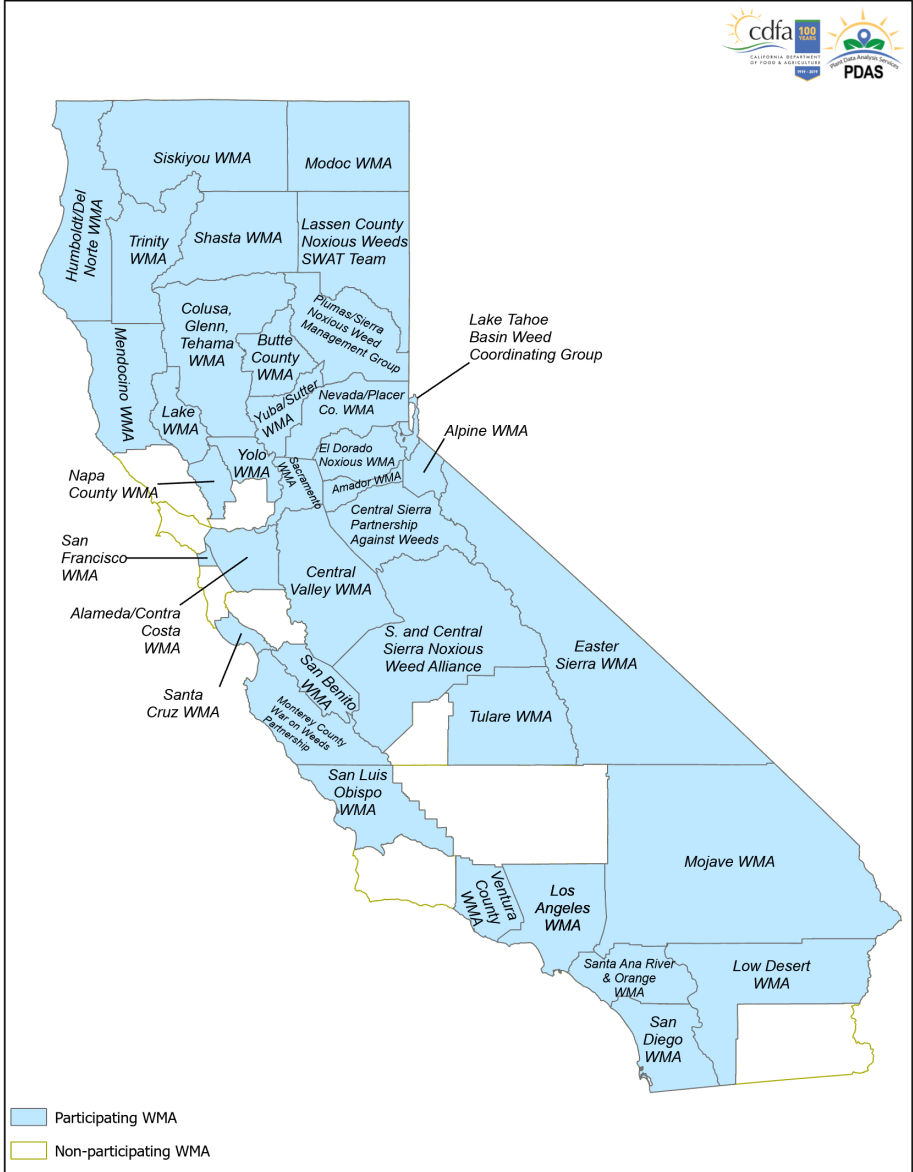
## Weed Oversight Committee

- 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

<b>Grants Awarded</b>	July 1, 2025
<b>Submit CEQA &amp; MOU Documentation</b>	December 31, 2025
<b>Quarterly Reports &amp; Invoicing</b> (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
<b>Final Date to Complete Field Work</b>	June 30, 2028
<b>Final Report</b>	July 31, 2028
<b>Final Invoice Due</b>	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](mailto:CDFA.PHPPS_IPCB_Invoices@cdfa.ca.gov), cc [trevor.fox@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:trevor.fox@cdfa.ca.gov)
- If you need the invoice template, please request it from the above address

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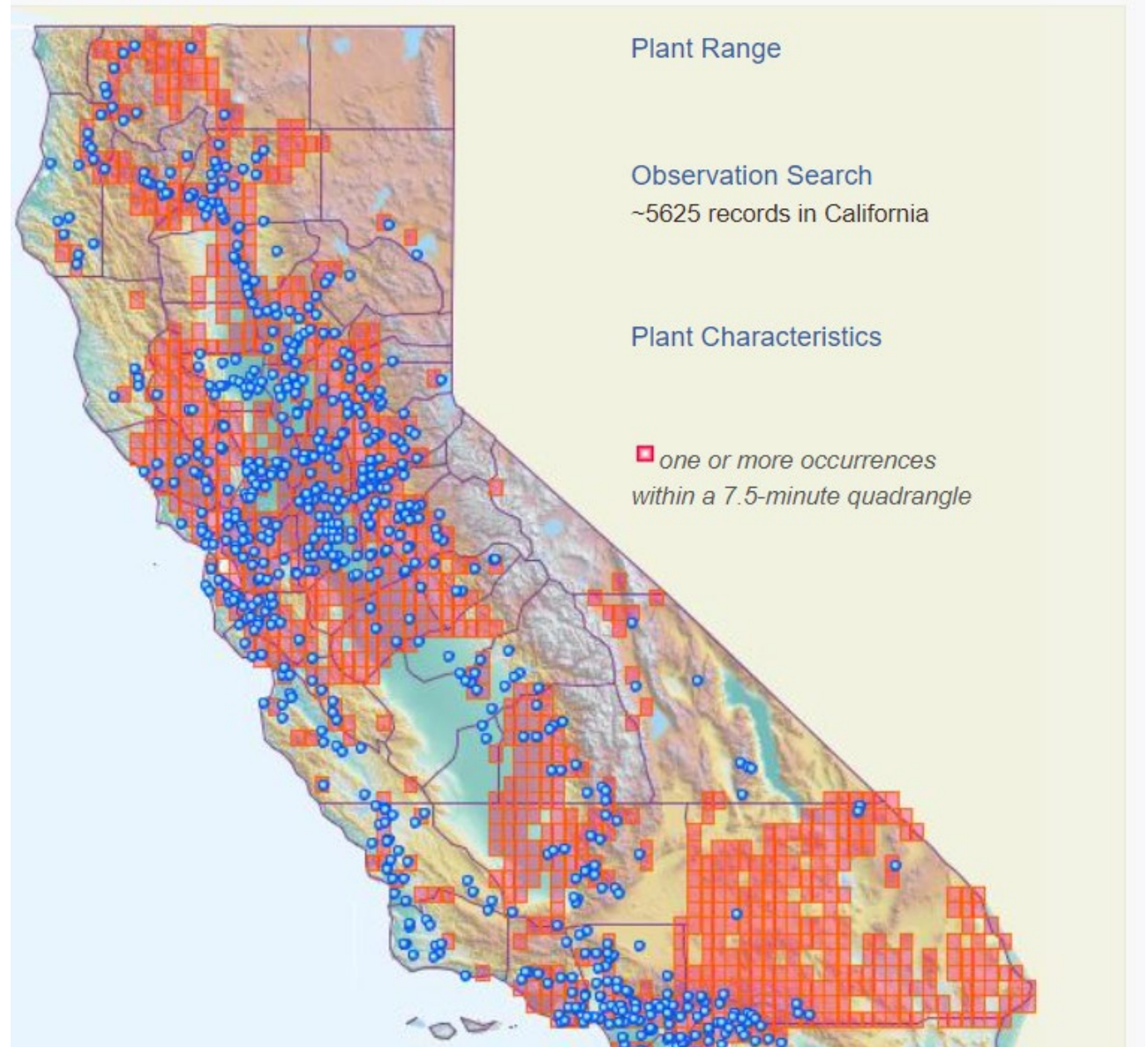
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# Mapping

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

*Ailanthus altissima* is a **tree** that is **not native** to California.

Cal-IPC rating: moderate

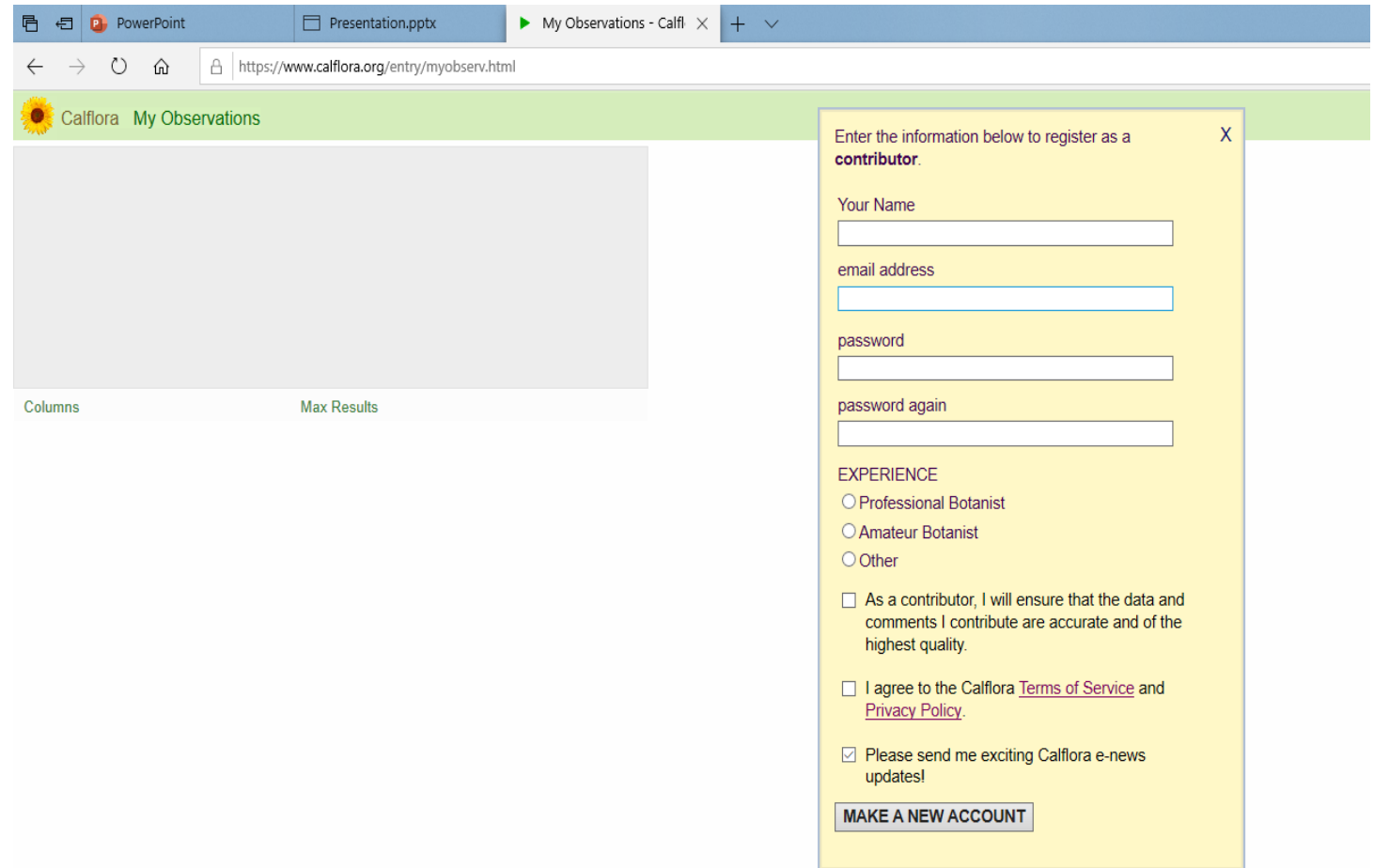


# Mapping: data submissions

- If your WMA is documenting work in Calflora, it can be sent to CDFFA by providing an email showing receipt of data by Calflora to [pdas@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto: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 CDFFA by submitting data in accordance with the guidelines listed in the mapping section below. Contact [pdas@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:pdas@cdfa.ca.gov) if you have questions or need assistance reporting your data

# Calflora

- 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.calflora.org/>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.calflora.org/entry/myobserv.html>. The page title is "Calflora My Observations". A registration form is overlaid on the right side of the page. The form is titled "Enter the information below to register as a contributor." and includes the following fields and options:

- Your Name:
- email address:
- password:
- password again:
- EXPERIENCE:
  - Professional Botanist
  - Amateur Botanist
  - Other
- As a contributor, I will ensure that the data and comments I contribute are accurate and of the highest quality.
- I agree to the Calflora [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).
- Please send me exciting Calflora e-news updates!

At the bottom of the form is a button labeled "MAKE A NEW ACCOUNT".

# 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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