

Lake Tahoe Basin Weed Coordinating Group Meeting September 24, 2009 Meeting Notes

Attending: Wendy West, UCCE; Cecilia Reed, USFS; Nicole Cartwright, Tahoe RCD; Jason Brand, NTCB; Larry Hughes, Douglas County Weed District and private contractor; John Warpeha, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California - Environmental Department; Sue Donaldson, UNCE; Dan Deegan, TRCD; Robert Cummings, California Tahoe Conservancy; Kim Boyd, TRCD; Josh Huntsinger, Placer County Dept. of Ag; Kelly Hickman, TRCD; Cheryl Beyer, USFS; LeeAnne Mila, El Dorado County Dept. of Ag; Nancy Lazano, CA State Parks; Eileen Carey, TRPA;

2010 Meeting Dates:

January 21, March 18, June 3, September 23, December 2 (all are on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – Noon)

Detection/Eradication Updates:

- Per Sue Spotted knapweed biocontrol weevils have been released at Glenbrook and will be monitored next spring.
- Discussed vegetation survey that Susie Kocher, UCCE completed in the Angora Fire area.
- Yellow starthistle found in the Angora Fire area, does not appear to have some in on an erosion control straw waddle per LeeAnne.
- Teasel infestation has been treated; Dyer's woad in Placer County was mapped and treated by Cecelia and Placer County Dept. of Ag.
- All maps and detection/treatment numbers will be pulled together and completed in December or January per LeeAnne.
- Discussed process for verification, mapping and control when we receive a weed report via the website. Confirmed that we will utilize the website reporting system among internal partners to report and follow up on new weed sightings.

Outreach and Education Update:

- Projects to complete – magnets promoting the website, prevention checklist/handout, revise and reprint Don't Plant a Pest brochures. Kim will check outreach budget.
- Wendy will send 2008 Outreach Recap spreadsheet out to begin revising and updating for 2009 and the annual report.
- New weed booklets are available – TRCD will continue to store a supply of brochures in South Lake Tahoe.
- Preventing the spread and introduction of invasives "check off" sheet/handout – Wendy will do first draft; need funding for printing; audiences: homeowner, property owner working on rehab/permits after a fire event.

- Outreach to materials suppliers – Wendy and LeeAnne will be following up with some materials suppliers in the Tahoe Basin as part of an El Dorado County project.

Funding/Grants Update:

- Sue has funding for Incline Village area; will apply again to NV Dept of Ag for additional funding.
- NTCD has 1.5 years of NV Department of State Lands (NDSL) funding remaining for detection/control work in Douglas and Washoe counties; will not be reapplying for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation funding. Jason will contact NDSL to see if projects for the next round of funding can include outreach components.
- Kim reported that TRCD has a Consolidated grant, SNPLAMA funding and ARRA funding for invasive weed work in 2010.

Tahoe Basin Weed Risk Assessment System (for defining “pressures” and priority weeds):

- Committee formed: Sue Donaldson, LeeAnne Mila, Cecelia Reed

Invasive Plant Imports – Q37:

- Wendy will send a letter from the LTBWCG supporting improved screening of plants entering the United States.

Aquatic Update:

- Kim reported on activities around the lake to control aquatic invasive species including bottom barriers to control Eurasian watermilfoil (EWMF) at Emerald Bay, EWMF control at Martus Lake and below Truckee River dam; mussel and clam infestations and current studies to evaluate the effects of mechanical removal of EWMF at Tahoe Keys.

US Forest Service – EA Process Update:

- Cheryl reported that the proposed action to treat invasive weeds has not progressed through the USFS system; Wendy and LeeAnne will contact the forest supervisor for an update on the status.

Lahontan Agreement Update:

- Sue has not heard from Lahontan since July; she will continue to follow up.

Next Meeting: December 3, 2009

The Lake Tahoe Basin Weed Coordinating Group is dedicated to preventing and controlling invasive weed species in the Basin by sharing resources and information and standardizing methods of treatment and data collection.