

Lake Tahoe Basin Weed Coordinating Group Meeting Notes March 18, 2010 10:00 a.m.

Next meetings: June 3, September 23, December 2, 2010

Attending: Wendy West, UCCE; Nicole Cartwright, Tahoe RCD; Jason Brand, NTCD; Larry Hughes, Douglas County Weed District and private contractor; John Warpeha, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California - Environmental Department; Sue Donaldson, UNCE; Cheryl Beyer, USFS; LeeAnne Mila, El Dorado County Dept. of Ag; Eileen Carey, TRPA; Kathy Welch, Truckee River Weed Group; Rena Escobedo, USFS/LTBMU; Kara Steeland, TRCD; Ian Turner, TRCD.

Detection/Eradication 2009 Annual Report:

Wendy is finishing the 2009 recap and will add map from LeeAnne, then distribute to all via email. LeeAnne can print large, plotter size maps by request.

Detection/Eradication 2010 Planning:

Ian/TRCD will be mapping flammable species (cheatgrass, brooms); all other detection/eradication efforts are on task and funded around the Basin. TRCD has funding for survey and control available; LeeAnne will coordinate with them to maximize CA coverage. TRCD will continue to be available for follow up with landowners as needed.

Glenbrook Spotted knapweed biocontrol project – Sue will check survival of insects in mid-June and move additional insects to the site in late July or early August.

Outreach and Education 2010 – TRCD has funding to provide both a staff member to handle terrestrial outreach AND a media consultant to coordinate a “prevention” campaign with Aquatic Invasive Species.

Truckee River Invasive Weed Group – Kathy Welch updated the group on current efforts in the Truckee River area.

Tahoe Basin Weed Risk Assessment System – Sue presented the draft assessment matrix; the group agreed that a simpler version could be more useful. Sue will redraft and distribute.

Lahontan Agreement – Bruce Warden indicated that the agreement would be approved with the removal of Transline. He will send an email or letter to OK the new agreement.

Kathy Welch described the new Truckee River invasive weeds group that is forming as a subset of the Placer-Nevada WMA.

Sue presented a draft of a risk assessment protocol. The group expressed a desire to further simplify the protocol . Sue will work on a revision.

Aquatic Update – Nichole reported that four off-site inspection stations are being developed. TRCD will be working with TRPA to implement the Tahoe Blue Boating program.

US Forest Service – EA Process Update – Cheryl reported that the process what moving forward and should be released soon for the 30 day comment period. LTBWCG will submit comments.

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.