

## Invasive Task Force Meeting

March 6, 2019, 1 PM

### Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center

**Attendees:** Jim Dice (UCI Reserve Manager), ( Larry Hendrickson (California State Parks Senior Park Aide), Syd Magner (California State Parks ESI Botany), Chris McDonald (UC Cooperative Extension National Resources Advisor), Bruce Kelly (BVEF), Jaquelin Douglass, Mary Jo Churchwell (SDNHM , Parks volunteer), Joe Woods (Cal-IPC Volutaria Volunteer), Pat Matthews, Don Stang (Seasonal Resident & Weeder), Sicco Rood, Steve Schoenig (CAL-IPC)

- CAL-IPC = California Invasive Plant Council
- V = Volutaria
- SM = Sahara Mustard

January 9, 2019, meeting minutes – no edits/changes approved. Elaine graciously takes notes for the meeting.

Updates:

**Jim Dice:** There is Sahara Mustard on reserve grounds.

**Chris McDonald:** Spread of stinknet (*Oncosiphon piluliferum*). Not a lot in Palm Springs area yet (6 sites). Lots of sites in Phoenix, AZ. Does best in semi-arid and arid areas, travels really well including to distant locations. A few locations have been found in Borrego region.

CDFA has \$2 million dollars for weed management and mapping projects. Cal IPC has worked with CDFA to make funding a reality. Apps due to CDFA by 4/5/19.

How do we access this money and how can we spend it? Calflora weed manager \$2500 for 10 users.

Next Week, WMA meeting to discuss county wide projects and identify top 3. Each entity can hold up to 3 \$60K projects. Spring '20 –'21.

So, \$60K – 3 applications per WMA entity, hopefully 1 of 3 will be volutaria. Will need a paid person to do community engagement and to get the ball rolling on spray and treatment access on private land in Borrego Springs.

Could we find a coordinator here who can direct the county spray crews on private land? Potentially using ACE to help pull volutaria?

**Steve Schoenig:** Talking about ACE crews. Have crew at 8 come out, \$6000 for one week. Use of organic herbicides? They cost a lot, it will blow up the budget.

**Chris McDonald:** Discussion about doing work in the pivot field in Borrego.

**Jaquelin Douglass:** Could use CalFire Inmate Crews potentially.

**Bruce Kelly:** He's on board of Borrego Valley endowment fund. Weed in areas where tourists go. Focus mostly on mustard but also volutaria as a second concern.

David Garmon is handling staff for this (who are the staff? Do we need to hire some?)

**Pat Matthews:** Weeded a lot at the statues area, corner of Henderson Canyon road and Borrego Springs rd. thinking of splitting weed groups to work private and park lands.

**Joe Woods:** New volutaria sites along S22 near Coachwhip Canyon. Emphasizing to weed along base of Coyote Mountain where there could be more. At the least do the surveys.

**Mary Jo Churchwell:** "Fantastic Wildflowers" will be on KPBS.

Next Meeting April 3rd, 2019