

# Minutes of Invasive Weed Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Present: Pat Matthews, Larry Hendrickson, Joe Woods, Jim Dice, Chris McDonald, Syd Magner, and Steve Schoenig (via phone).

Joe Woods brought in a large *Volutaria* rosette pulled along County Road S-22 near Arroyo Salado.

Chris McDonald brought seedlings of *Brassica* and *Volutaria* from the Pivot Field.

CM indicated that Mark Martinez (County of San Diego) will be requested to do some roadside treatment.

There was a brief discussion of hybridization in *Tamarix*.

CM and PM are co-leads for the Revitalization Committee's environment subcommittee.

Dinna Morris and Mark Martinez (County of San Diego) having promised a rolling dumpster for mustard/*volutaria* this spring. Could be placed at the County Roads yard or on Jim Wermer's land north of the Post Office.

PM proposed a name change for the task force (to Invasive Weed Task Force) which was approved unanimously.

PM also suggested that we draft some more formal guiding principles and have a more formal agenda for our meetings. Discussion followed as to whether this would mean a more formal organization as a whole.

CM reported that the State will fund monies for exotic control, part to counties and part to WMA's. *Volutaria* is one of the highest priorities. The County has funded roadside control for *Volutaria* and control on some private parcels. The CalIPC grant is over and new WMA funding will not be available before July 2020. County is hoping for more crews and more nursery inspectors.

Nick B. (County) and CM can work with nursery inspectors in Jan-Feb to help train them on inspections.

JW, PM suggested CM speak to Mark Martinez about the need to use a residual herbicide vs. glyphosphate. Also, to mention the possibility of having a crew come out and stay for a few days vs. a one-day trip that includes 4 hours of driving time. More efficient.

LH/SM – California State Parks will continue with volunteer program this year.

CM will speak to ABDSP Botany Society volunteers on January 6, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at Research Center.

CM – *Erodium*, *Schismus*, London rocket, Sahara mustard have all already germinated.

SS – CAL-IPC was working on a grant application through the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) that may not be going forward. CAL-IPC priority to find another entity to fund JW's work on leading edge invasion control and detection.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.