

Lake Tahoe Weed Coordinating Group
Meeting Notes
September 25, 2008

USFS Tahoe Basin Management Unit South Lake Tahoe, CA

Attending: LeeAnne Mila, El Dorado County Department of Agriculture; Nancy Lozano, CA State Parks; Larry Hughes, Douglas County Weed District and private applicator; Jason Brand, Nevada Tahoe Conservation District; Jerry Owens, Natural Resources Conservation District, Tricia Mynster, Tahoe Resource Conservation District (TRCD); Josh Huntsinger, Placer County Agriculture Department; Robert Cummings, California Tahoe Conservancy; Cheryl Beyer, US Forest Service; Cecilia Reed, UC Forest Service; Jenny Francis, Tahoe Resource Conservation District; John Warpeha, Washoe Tribe of Nevada; Dan Deegan, TRCD; Nicole Cartwright, Tahoe Resource Conservation District; Cara Stafford, Tahoe Resource Conservation District; Sue Donaldson, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension; Steve Lewis, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (facilitator).

Next Meetings

December 4, 2008

January 15th, 2009

March 19th, 2009

September 24th, 2009

December 3rd, 2009

1. Introductions

2. Expansion of Agreement with Lahontan Regional Water Quality Board

Aminopyralid herbicide (trade name: Milestone) is effective in controlling Spotted knapweed, has a reduced risk status, is labeled for use up to waters edge and is registered in both CA and NV. We also need a herbicide for use in controlling woody species, especially Tree of Heaven.

ACTION: The LTBWCG group will prepare a request for the addition of Aminopyralid, Imazapyr and Triclopyr to the agreement with Lahontan Regional Water Quality Board.

3. Survey/Mapping/Treatment 2008 including Angora Fire Area

- TRCD contracted with Forestry Co-op to do CTC lots and 2 passes in El Dorado and Placer County.
- Larry (Nevada sites): passes complete. Douglas County sites reducing. Glenbrook paid for spotted knapweed treatment. Two star thistle plants found.
- Leanne (Placer and El Dorado Counties): One more pass with her field crew.
- Forest Service: surveyed about 80 acres, bull thistle is uncontrollable in Angora Fire area. Performed 2 runs with NCC crews and 1 more run this month.

ACTIONS: There is a mulch storage area in a teasel infestation on the corner of North Upper Truckee and Mt. Rainer. TRCD will have contract crew spray the site next year. Leanne's

crews will also try and hit it. Larry will provide binder with NV survey and eradication summary reports by the end of November. All mapping data needs to be submitted to LeeAnne before December 31, 2008 for preparation of 2008 annual report and maps.

4. USFS LTBMU Environmental Assessment – Cheryl

Non Native Invasive Plant Project (NNIPP)

- Decision by 2009, currently doing NEPA and EA documents
- Using a risk assessment, working with soil scientists, hydrologist, to be site and species specific
- Group is supportive and willing to help with review

5. Yellow Toadflax CDFA rating - Leanne

- Leanne is continuing to work on it, needs to have all California Agricultural Commissioners' buy in.

6. Outreach update--Jenny

- Green Books are almost finished and will be ready for distribution by next field season: There will be one terrestrial and one devoted to aquatic invasive species, with a statement in each about the coordination between the two groups
- Wendy's Website Update:
 - Working on the weed mapper website. Two domains are currently saved, tahoeinvasiveweeds.org and .com
 - Has a designer lined up (same person who did CAL-IPC website)
 - Ready to move forward with neighborhood GIS maps
 - Will be able to electronically report a site by clicking the map
- Priority weed tip sheets and some native tip sheets will be available on Tahoe RCD's website

ACTIONS: Nicole will post weed tip sheets on website. Give comments and changes of green books to Sue. Jenny and Wendy will work on getting all 2008 outreach activities compiled for reporting and evaluation purposes by the end of October.

6. Funding

- Prop 84
 - For more information, Eben (Tahoe RCD) is a good contact
 - End of 2009 submittal
- SNPLMA
 - 100K for Round 7 and 8, 75K for Round 9
 - Competitive RFP process from here on out
- CDFA WMA Funding
 - El Dorado County – received base funding of \$16K to EDC Ag Dept. which will fund 2 survey/treatment passes; with additional pass with TRCD contract should be good for 2009
 - Did not receive funding for oxeye and scotch broom survey and removal as proposed for CDFA WMA Supplemental funding by Jenny and Wendy
- NFWF will be done soon via NTCD; will submit again but no guarantees.

- NV state lands License Plate Grant will be submitted by Sue
- NTCD does not expect to receive SNPLMA

ACTIONS: Need to work on funding for 2010.

7. Aquatic Invasive Species updates:

- TRPA governing board: All launches will have to close if there is no inspector on site
- Watercraft inspections will extend through the winter
 - Over 5,000 vessels surveyed
 - 7,000 educational boater cards distributed
- Asian Clams—Sudeep Chandra, UNR and UC Davis
 - Exponential growth
 - October 10th, 10:00am-1:00 at TERC, Asian Clam update
 - Could filter entire lake in 1 month
 - Temperature change effects

8. Action Planning Brainstorm Session—with Steve Lewis

See spreadsheet “Action Plan Priorities – Updated 9-24-08” for all potential action items

Top Priority Projects:

- Survey, Detection, Mapping and Control – basin-wide
- Volunteer “weed spotter” and/or citizen scientists program
- Vehicle, equipment, and hay/straw inspections
- Survey for ornamental invasive (oxeye, brooms, cinquefoil, etc.)
- Landscaper training and outreach materials translated into Spanish
- Weed Tours—targeting agency administrators and decision makers
- Weed identification books printed—green books reprinted
- Hand pulling—fund a crew
- Prevention and early detection: Why Tahoe is different media and outreach campaign
- Homeowner Association outreach
- Volunteer certification program—BMP for material suppliers
- Workshops for nurseries, landscapers, LTCC college hort course
- Publish and distribute an annual report/newsletter