

MCL Invasive Plant Subcommittee

Meeting of Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Agenda

Time and Place: Third day (Wed.) of the third week of every month at 3:00 p.m. (3/3/3), 175 North Redwood Dr., Tamalpais Conference Room (across the corridor from MCL offices in Suite 135). Plenty of parking onsite.

Announcements/Calendar Items/Info Sharing:

-Expanding our email list. Members are reminded to be on the lookout for people interested in our work who we can add to our email list.

-Request for guest speakers and topics. Another reminder to members to be on the lookout for speakers and topics of interest to our group.

-Cal-IPC weed volunteer training, Saturday June 17, Mill Valley Community Center, 9-12 with afternoon cell phone mapping or field trip to Bothin Marsh.

See <http://cal-ipc.org/fieldcourses/VolunteerTraining2017.php>

-Request for volunteer to review San Francisco's vegetation management plan and EIR and report on how herbicide issues were handled. See <http://sfrecpark.org/parks-open-spaces/natural-areas-program/significant-natural-resource-areas-management-plan/>

-California Invasive Weed Awareness Week begins Monday July 10. See <http://sfrecpark.org/parks-open-spaces/natural-areas-program/significant-natural-resource-areas-management-plan/>

-Offer from Rachel Kesel of One Tam to present to our committee regarding their early detection and rapid response (EDRR) program and surveys of rare plants and habitats, primarily grasslands and serpentine barrens. This will likely take place in the fall.

Agenda Items

-Latest Iteration of Jerry Meral's Parcel Tax Proposal (Attached). Considerations underlying whether or not our committee should recommend MCL's endorsement: 1) Competition with the renewal of Measure A in 2022; 2) Complete prohibition on herbicide use; 3) No mention of funding for recreational uplands; 4) Uncertain direct benefits to individual taxpayers, 5) Your pet peeve.

-Novato General Plan update. Paul will report on the MCL letter to the city and his presentation to the Novato Planning Commission recommending the General Plan include an invasive plant management program. (**See attached letter.**)

-Marin County Development Code update. Paul will report on the missed opportunity to secure invasive plant protections in the county development code.

-Proposal for an invasive plant management program for Mill Valley. Paul and Betsy will report on developments.

- Kate will report on problems of invasive plants and trash in the environment of the MCL office building.

-Supporting Plant Right efforts by getting small nurseries in Marin to stop selling invasives. Reports from Betsy re Armstrong Nursery in San Anselmo and Novato, Eva re Green Jeans, and Kate re the Ace Hardware nursery on North San Pedro Road.

-Peter Sandman, lecturer and author: Responding to Community Outrage: Strategies for Effective Risk Communication [online book on his website]. "Risk = Hazard + Outrage." Betsy will review the website and summarize his talking points.

Long Term Issue Tracking

-MMWD BFFIP & annual work plans

-MCOSD VMP & annual work plans

-Ag Commissioner's proposed invasive plant ordinance

-San Rafael General Plan update

-Measure A, city expenditures & annual work plans, and balancing program expenditures among new capital projects,

-Jerry Meral's property tax proposal

-County Stream Conservation Ordinance amendment and interpretation

-County pesticide awareness program

-Novato General Plan update

maintenance, fire protection, and invasive plant management.

-Mill Valley invasive plant policy, public education program, and heritage tree ordinance

Mission Statement

The mission of the Invasive Plant Subcommittee of the Parks and Open Space Committee is to educate and inform the citizens of Marin County about the threat to our open spaces posed by invasive plants and to mobilize the human, financial, governmental and institutional resources of our county to take effective action to restore our open space habitats to their natural condition to the maxim extent reasonably feasible.