



4-COUNTY Cooperative Weed Management Area

4-County CWMA Technical and Scientific Review Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 12th 2020, 11-11:50am

East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, 5211 N. Williams Ave. Portland, OR 97217

Attendees: Courtney Gattuso (CSWCD), Jeffrey Lee (JCWC), Justin Cooley (CSWCD), Michelle Delepine (WMSWCD), Mitch Bixby (COP-BES), Harris Kidd (Clark County)

11:00 Welcome

11:05 Pull Together ReCap

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- Survey Results: Courtney Gattuso
 - The group already reviewed the survey results in the earlier Education & Outreach meeting.
 - Attendees were overall satisfied with the event; improvements were suggested like having less waste (bringing reusable cups) and ordering less food to lower costs.
 - Cost was nearly a barrier for many people, but we have to consider the inflation of menu prices and increased minimum wage.
- New Weeds Discussion Notes: Michelle Delepine
 - Suggestions to improve the New Weeds discussion in the future include:
 - Have attendees wait for the mic to get passed to them/have the host repeat the question after it's asked.
 - Encouraging new people to engage in the conversation—tends to be the same voices (“veterans”) sharing ideas.
 - Having ID slides generated for lesser known species—not every knows the weeds that are being discussed.
- Pro-Set Training Needs ID: How can CWMA address? Including Plant ID workshop opportunities
 - Our partners and members are interested in more technical, hands-on trainings, like identification courses in the field.
 - The group discusses how the CWMA can cater to these needs. Suggestions:
 - Having more technical resources on the website—having a “Resource Library” on the website where partners can shared resources live.
 - Having an ID component at the upcoming Field Day.

11:15 IPM Calendar

Mitch Bixby

- Review of IPM Calendar update (goal: Publish in March)
 - Mitch is revising Metro’s IPM Calendar for our partners and asks the group for feedback.
 - The section on surfactants is a bit general, a preface should be included talking on the importance of application rates when using surfactants—more is not always “better”.
 - Labels tend to have a wide ranger (1%-5%) for recommended rates—not helpful when treating different species.
 - Justin suggests including surfactant rates on the treatment calendar for most commonly treated weeds.
 - Treatment language for knotweed needs to be revised.
 - Removing language that mentions cutting it—not a feasible control option.
 - Mitch would like to strip the language down to spray/injection treatments—focusing on imazapyr.
 - Courtney suggests removing cutting language from tree of heaven treatments—frill or “hack and squirt” is most effective treatment. Cutting is feasible at least 30 days after initial frill treatment to allow herbicide to translocate.
 - Mitch is working with the graphic designer at City of Portland to wrap up the final draft.
 - Possible ad hoc meeting for final edits may be scheduled to fine-tune the document.
 - **ACTION:** Mitch will send the final draft to Technical & Scientific Review for final edits.

11:35 Website Project

Michelle Delepine

- What resources do we want to focus prioritizing on highlighting?
 - Having a “Resource Library” where technical documents like Weed List and IPM Calendar can live.
- Committee Webpage
 - The CWMA decided that the committees will be in charge of building content for each of their committee pages on the website.
- Storymap Overview
 - The committee ran out of time to discuss the story map, but the group shared ideas about possibly purchasing an ArcGIS Online account (or piggybacking on another organization’s account) for the CWMA to use for a story map, the weed prioritization map, and other possible uses.
 - **ACTION:** Steering to discuss these options at the next Steering meeting on March 11th.

10:50 End

Next Technical and Scientific Review Committee Meeting

April 8th, 2020; 11:00-11:50am

East Multnomah SWCD Conference Room , 5211 N Williams Ave, Portland, OR 97217