

**CALL FOR WORK PLAN PROPOSALS –  
Prevention, Early Detection, and Eradication of  
Noxious Weeds in Northern and Central California**

**What:** The California Department of Food and Agriculture is requesting work plans to implement noxious weed control projects in northern and central California. (Counties excluded, due to alternate funding already provided to this region, include: San Diego, Riverside, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino)

The funding available (\$242,000) comes from the US Forest Service and is addressing the prevention, early detection, and eradication of noxious weed populations **on non-federal public and private lands near forested lands** (including USFS lands) in California. Proposed projects must be on state, county or private lands, near forested or rangelands.

**Who is eligible:** Proposals must be submitted on behalf of a California Weed Management Area Group mostly in northern and central California (see above for counties that are excluded). Projects within the work plan can be conducted by: members of the Weed Management Areas, but the lead agency (contractor) must be a County Agricultural Departments or Resource Conservation District.

Project proposals that were funded in the 2006 funding cycle will not be accepted as they still have funding for 2007. However, NEW projects are highly encouraged from all eligible WMA groups.

**Proposal/Project Requirements:**

- (1) Proposed projects must fall within one of the Priority Topic Areas (list below)
- (2) Proposed projects must be on state, county or private lands
- (3) Proposed project must be adjacent to, but not on USFS forested or range lands
- (4) Proposals must on behalf of a California Weed Management Area group
- (5) Proposal format must follow the work plan and budget examples provided

**Increased priority for funding will be given to a project that has a direct link with a coordinated ongoing and/or planned project on Federal forested lands within the WMA.**

**Increased priority funding will also be given to a project that addresses A-rated Noxious Weed(s).**

**How to put together a proposed work plan:**

- (1) Address one or more of the listed "topic area priorities" (see list below).
- (2) Follow the work plan format in the "work plan" attachment. See "example work plan" and "example budget". Proposals that do not follow the work plan and budget format as provided in the examples will not be accepted.

**Cost Share Requirement:**

Proposals will be funded on a 50:50 cost-share basis. Matching funds can be in-kind. In-kind or monetary matches must be non-federal.

**Recommended Size of Projects:** projects should try to not exceed an average maximum of \$20,000/per year (for 2-year projects) or a total maximum of \$40,000 per project. Small and medium sized projects are encouraged.

If your project has separate components make sure that the budget is broken down by component so that funding of individual components can be considered as an alternative to all or nothing approval.

Make sure that proposals and funding are used for projects on state, county or private lands, adjacent to USFS forested or rangelands. Funding cannot be used on federal or tribal lands. Furthermore the funding cannot be sub-contracted to a federal entity.

All proposals must include some kind of clear, explicit map showing the location of the weed populations proposed for eradication/containment in the proposal. This map must also show other populations of that same weed species in the WMA or in the greater surrounding region where control is proposed. Ideally the map should show the boundaries of the national forest lands with in the county. Maps should be embedded within your proposal (M.S. Word) document. CDFA will happily assist you in the production of this map if you contact us prior to February 20<sup>th</sup> (hopefully sooner).

**When are proposals due?**

Electronic proposals are due by 5:00PM, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Email proposals to Steve Schoenig, [sschoenig@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:sschoenig@cdfa.ca.gov)

Proposals will be reviewed (and ranked for selection if necessary) in April, 2007 by a selection review panel consisting of representatives from the University of California, California Forest Pest Council, California Invasive Plant Council, California Native Plants Society, and California Department of Food and Agriculture.

**When can actual work begin?**

The work can begin as early as July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 (provided the contract is in place) and can continue through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Proposals will be accepted in the following Priority Topic Areas:**

- 1) Proposals with a clear direction toward eventual complete eradication of small, pioneer infestations (less than 5 acres in size: less than 100 net acres of weed in county). Proposals can address brand new projects or continued support for previously funded projects. Project proposals in this priority area must include monitoring data (such as: estimate of plants killed after follow-up visits, number of plants treated each year and/or other quantitative data from sampling techniques) kept over the lifetime of the project, or proposed data that will be gathered for brand new projects. Ideal targets are A-rated noxious weeds or California Invasive Plant Council equivalent (High or Alert), or other incipient invaders, as defined above. Proposals must include a map (embedded in your proposal M.S. Word Document) clearly showing the location of weeds proposed for eradication and other locations of that weed in the WMA or in the greater surrounding region.

- 2) Proposals addressing the leading edge containment of a noxious weed. Proposals must address why the infestation is currently not eradicable and thus justify why a containment strategy is being undertaken. A clear link to proposed containment activities preventing further spread towards USFS lands or other forested lands must be shown. Proposals must include a map (embedded in your proposal M.S. Word Document) clearly showing the total geographic area impacted by the infestation and proposed containment boundaries.
- 3) Proposals addressing survey of and subsequent clear direction toward the eradication of noxious weed infestations found in “source material” locations, such as: gravel pits, rock quarries, mulch sources, and the like, that have been or could potentially be linked to new weed infestations away from the source material site. Proposals addressing weed free forage will not be accepted. A distinction should clearly be drawn between government owned (County, State, or Federal) and privately operated source material locations. If the proposal addresses privately owned source material locations, a strong cost share (e.g. 75% private entity: 25% proposal funding) must be demonstrated. Proposals must also draw a clear tie to benefits to USFS lands.

**Questions?**

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