



Marin-Sonoma Weed Management Area Early Detection and Rapid Response Program

Project Description: The Gold Ridge RCD is currently serving as the Early Detection and Rapid Response Program Coordinator for the Marin-Sonoma Weed Management Area, through funding from the California Department of Food and Agriculture. The program identifies and removes incipient populations of harmful invasive plants before they can grow into large and costly control projects, a “stitch-in-time” approach which proactively prevents the damage caused by these invaders; educates citizens regarding natural resource stewardship; and dramatically eliminates the need for the planning, labor, and effort to control large established invasive plant populations. The project coordinates with the emerging Bay Area Early Detection Network (BAEDN), a partnership of regional land managers and invasive species experts coordinating Early Detection of harmful invasive plants across the nine county Bay Area.

Project Objectives:

- Ensure removal of high priority harmful and noxious weed occurrences from MSWMA partner lands.
- Work with non-partners to inform them of occurrences on their land, and where necessary, provide resources to remove high priority occurrences.
- Collect new occurrence observations from WMA partners and the public, and report occurrences and rapid response actions to the BAEDN database.
- Public information coordination.

Project Budget: \$33,516.00 California Department of Food and Agriculture

Project Timeline: January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

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