

## POSTERS

### Cooperative Weed Management Areas

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**Weed Management Areas (WMAs)** are local organizations that bring together landowners and managers (private, city, county, State, and Federal) in a county, multi-county, or other geographical area for the purpose of coordinating and combining action and expertise in combating common invasive weed species. The WMA functions under the authority of a mutually developed memorandum of understanding (MOU) and is subject to statutory and regulatory weed control requirements. A WMA may be voluntarily governed by a chairperson or a steering committee. To date, groups in California have been initiated by either the leadership of the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office or a Federal Agency employee. WMAs are unique because they attempt to address agricultural (regulatory) weeds and "wildland" weeds under one local umbrella of organization. It is hoped that participation will extend from all agencies and private organizations. WMAs have; printed weed I.D./control brochures, organized weed education events, written and obtained grants, coordinated demonstrations plots, instituted joint eradication and mapping projects as well as many other creative and effective outreach and weed management projects.

*For further information about WMAs in general, see the California WMA website at <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/wma> or contact Steve Schoenig at the California Department of Food and Agriculture, [sschoenig@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:sschoenig@cdfa.ca.gov)*