

CALIFORNIA NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL PROJECT INVENTORY

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In 1995 through 1997 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by sixteen State and federal agencies to create the California Interagency Noxious Weed Coordinating Committee(CINWCC). The CINWCC also includes many stakeholder groups such as the Cattelmens Association, CalEPPC, California Native Plant Society, Nature Conservancy and the Nuserymen's Association. The CINWCC holds quarterly meetings, and has formed six subcommittees: 1) Weed Project Database; 2) Education; 3) Research & Monitoring; 4) Funding & Grants; 5) Regulatory Streamlining; and 6) Regional Working Groups.

The CINWCC Weed Project Database Subcommittee has designed the California Noxious Weed Control Project Inventory (CNWCPI). The Committee is led by California Department of Food & Agriculture staff, and has been additionally funded by the California office of the United States Bureau of Land Management. The project inventory is an Internet-based searchable database. The technical coding of the database and its housing is contracted to the Information Center for the Environment at the University of California at Davis. Information about a noxious weed control projects is entered into the database by having a person affiliated with the project fill out a three page dataform and submit the form. Once in the database, projects can be viewed with an Internet browser. One can search the project database for projects selected on many criteria such as; county, weed species, treatment, agency, etc. The database will also contain an on-line encyclopedia of noxious weed biologies and control methods, as well as links to other weed control related Internet sites. The Internet address of the database is <http://endeavor.des.ucdavis.edu/weeds/>.