

**Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: February 24, 2015

Agenda Date Requested: March 5, 2015

Time Requested: 10 Minutes

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Nick Marano, City Manager

Subject Title: Presentation Only: Presentation and discussion regarding general Carson area noxious weed concerns, current local efforts on noxious weed control, and the state statutes that govern regulatory actions regarding noxious weed control. (*Jamie Greer, Nevada Department of Agriculture - Noxious Weed Program*)

Staff Summary: Jamie Greer, Noxious Weed Program Coordinator will provide a presentation and update on noxious weed control activity for Carson City and throughout the State.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

Resolution

Ordinance

Formal Action/Motion

Other (Specify) Discussion Only

Does this action require a Business Impact Statement: () Yes (X) No

Recommended Board Action: No action, discussion only.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: N/A

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Explanation of Impact: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Alternatives: N/A

Supporting Material: Copy of PowerPoint presentation.

Prepared By: Janet Busse, Department Business Manager

Reviewed By: Nicholas Williams
(City Manager)

Date: 2/24/15

Joseph L. Ward Jr
(District Attorney)

Date: 2/24/15

Mark Smith
(Finance Director)

Date: 2/24/15

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____

Aye/Nay

2) _____

(Vote Recorded By)

NOXIOUS WEEDS UPDATE



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Carson City Board of Supervisors

March 5, 2015

WHAT I WILL COVER...

- State Noxious Weed Statutes Review
- Statewide Noxious Weed Activities Update
- Carson City Noxious Weeds Activity Update/Review
- Carson City Noxious Weed Control Needs



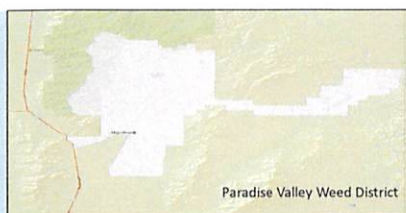
NEVADA NOXIOUS WEED STATUTES NRS 555

- [NRS 555.150](#) - Every landowner or occupier, whether private, city, county, or federal shall control all noxious weeds.
- [NRS 555.160](#) - The State Quarantine Officer may serve notice upon the owner or occupant to control noxious weeds on their property.
 - In this notice the NDA Noxious Weed Program specifies which noxious weeds are present, effective control measures, and required time range for controls to be completed to gain compliance with statutes
- [NRS 555.170](#) - Should the owner/occupant fail to comply, the State Quarantine Officer may notify the *board of county commissioners* for the county in which the property is situated.
 - The county board of commissioners shall proceed to have weeds controlled in accordance with the initial notice.
- [NRS 555.180](#) - Control costs not paid by the owner shall be a lien against the property and shall be collected as provided by the law

CREATION OF WEED DISTRICT NRS 555.202

- [NRS 555.202](#) – “The Legislature...finds that in certain areas the responsibly to control weeds can best be discharged through control by organized districts”
- [NRS 555.203](#) – The Board of County Commissioners may create one or more weed control districts and shall appoint a board of directors of the district.

The weed district assumes same authority as state for noxious weed statutes enforcement and may, by resolution of the board of county commissioners, *levy an assessment upon all real property in the county which is in the weed district to provide funding for the control of weeds.*



STATEWIDE NOXIOUS WEED ACTIVITIES

THERE CONTINUES TO BE A LARGE INCREASE IN PRESSURE FROM STAKEHOLDERS, TO THE STATE AND COUNTIES, TO INCREASE NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT AND STATUTE ENFORCEMENT.

2014 Activities/Accomplishments:

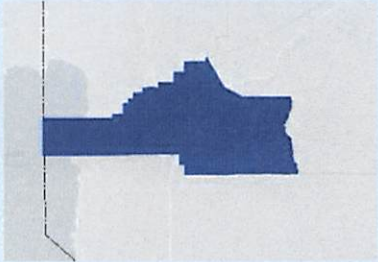
- State/County coordination efforts; NDA presentations made to all county commissions
- AB 77 in session
- Statewide database completed www.eddmaps.org
- State plan for Greater Sage-grouse completed; invasive plants listed as number one threat in multiple reports
- Weeds Conference – Catalysts for Change held in Ely, NV
- NDA/Douglas County Abatement conducted



CARSON NOXIOUS WEEDS UPDATE

CARSON CITY WEED COALITION COORDINATION

- Surveys and mapping across jurisdictions
- Landowner and partner communication
- Cost Shares for treatments
- Tracking of spread or new infestations
- Consolidated treatments
- Supported by funding from CWSD, NDA, & NDEP



**** Carson City Weed Coalition Coordinator Position left vacant in 2014 season**

YEAR	TOTAL ACRES TREATED	TOTAL ACRES SURVEYED	ACRES RESTORED	# of people reached through outreach
2012	89	75	9	273
2013	112	1,215	8	2,978

*statistics from year end report of accomplishments with NDA grants; does not include accomplishments by Carson City departments

CARSON NOXIOUS WEEDS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2014 (WITHOUT COORDINATOR POSITION)



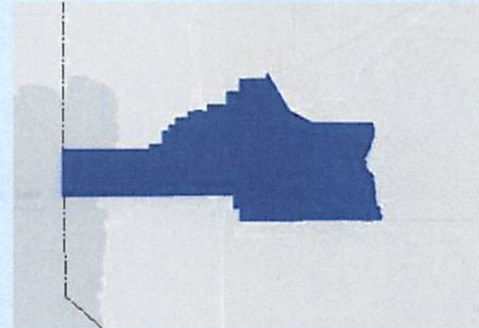
Total areas/acres treated



Across property line coordination

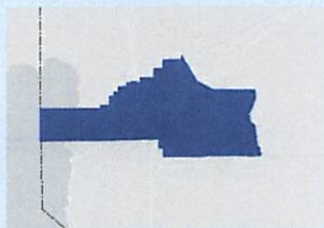


Total funding allocated to weeds in Carson area



CARSON NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL NEEDS FOR 2015 AND BEYOND

1. **Dedicated Carson City Weeds Coordinator position**
2. Allocation of funds specifically to noxious weeds
 - Currently Parks, Open Space, and Public Works all individually allocate some funding from overall budget to weeds.
3. Revival of local level coordination across property boundaries to achieve landscape level treatments, containment, and control of noxious weeds infestations



FUTURE NDA ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT

1. Receive and respond to complaints; increase in regulatory pressures to neighboring landowners
2. Survey and mapping for new infestations or project areas
3. Trainings and education/outreach
4. Availability of grant funds to support coordinator position and/or on the ground work to be completed



QUESTIONS



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THANK YOU!