

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
STAFF REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** April 16, 2012

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 3E

**STAFF:** Ann Bollinger, Natural Resource Specialist *ATB*

**REQUEST:** For possible action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors a presentation and proclamation for Invasive Species Awareness Week, May 13 –May 19, 2012.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:** Staff and Margie Evans, representing the Carson City Weed Coalition, would like to inform the committee regarding weed updates, funding, and Invasive Species Awareness Week.

Last year, with assistance from the Carson City Weed Coalition and funding from ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act), a seasonal weed crew was hired and spent approximately 380 hours on open space lands and an additional 200 hours on park areas to manage noxious weeds. Due to very limited funding for 2012, the priority efforts will be towards prevention and early detection / rapid response of select species. The OSAC has previously stated its commitment to the stewardship of our lands including the management towards desirable vegetation and habitats. Staff will continue to work with the Carson City Weed Coalition on this goal.

While Invasive Species Awareness Week is identified for May 13-19, there are several activities and events planned throughout the upcoming months. The fuels reduction with sheep will begin on April 15, a banner across Carson Street will be displayed May 14-19, the Weed Warriors class will be held on May 16-17, and weed information will be displayed at the Carson City Library in June.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors a presentation and proclamation for Invasive Species Awareness Week, May 13 –May 19, 2012.

# PROCLAMATION

## Invasive Species Awareness Week May 13 – May 19, 2012

*WHEREAS*, Chapter 555 of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides for the control of insects, pest and noxious weeds; and

*WHEREAS*, Chapter 8 of the Carson City Municipal Code provides for the Public Peace, Safety, and Morals and requires the control of weeds on any property, premises, or buildings; and

*WHEREAS*, Carson City finds it prudent in partnership with other agencies and organizations to promote local awareness of the impacts of invasive species that if not addressed may result in costly public expenditures to protect resources and public health, safety, and welfare; and

*WHEREAS*, Our residents can help prevent the spread of terrestrial and aquatic invasive species by early identification, reporting, and responsible recreation.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, do hereby proclaim the week of May 13 – May 19, 2012 as “Invasive Species Awareness Week” in Carson City.



Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2012.

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Robert L. Crowell, Mayor



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2012 Invasive Weed Training  
**Weed Warriors**  
**Basic Training**



This is an introductory-level training in invasive weeds and common nuisance weeds. The course focuses on the identification of twelve high-priority invasive weeds.

Material covered: Weed law, identification, biology, management, and control of the following species:

Dryland, Noxious

- Knapweed, Diffuse
- Knapweed, Russian
- Knapweed, Spotted
- Leafy Spurge
- Medusahead
- Puncturevine
- Thistle, Musk
- Thistle, Scotch
- Thistle, Yellow Star
- Toadflax, Dalmatian
- Toadflax, Yellow

Nuisance

- Cheatgrass
- Common Mallow
- Common Mullein
- Curly Dock
- Curlycup Gumweed
- Dodder
- Field Bindweed
- Hare Barley
- Foxtail Barley
- Kochia (annual)
- Plantain
- Redroot Pigweed

Riparian, Noxious

- Canada Thistle
- Eurasian Watermilfoil
- Hemlock, Poison
- Hemlock, Western Water
- Hoary Cress (Whitetop)
- Purple Loosestrife
- Tall Whitetop (Perennial Pepperweed)
- Tamarisk (Saltcedar)

**Act now! Classes fill fast!**

May 16, 1 – 5 p.m. & May 17, 8 a.m. to noon, UNCE Reno, Gardnerville and Carson City offices.



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## 2012 Invasive Weed Training Schedule

# Weed Warriors Basic Training

One class only: May 16, 1 – 5 p.m. &  
May 17, 8 a.m. to noon

**Cost: \$35.00**, fee includes program supplies, a binder of weed identification and control information and refreshments.

**Live location:**

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension  
4955 Energy Way, Reno

**Locations provided via videoconference:**

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension  
2621 Northgate Lane, Carson City

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension  
1329 Waterloo Lane, Gardnerville



**Pesticide Applicators:  
7 General CEUs available.  
Bring your card!**

**Note:** You must attend BOTH days to complete this training and you must preregister using the attached form.

**Registration Information:** Send registrations to Ashley Andrews at University of Nevada Cooperative Extension via mail (4955 Energy Way, Reno, Nevada 89502), fax (775-784-4881) or email (andrewsa@unce.unr.edu). **Registration and payment are due no later than April 27, 2012.**

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Persons in need of special accommodations or assistance must contact Ashley Andrews, andrewsa@unce.unr.edu or 775-784-4848, at least three days prior to the first day of the course.



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Name:

Organization:

Address:

City, State, Zip

E-mail Address:

Phone Number:

Amount Enclosed:

Check Number:

Check the location for which you are enrolling:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Reno</b> May 16-17	<b>Weed Warriors</b> LIVE	\$35
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Carson City</b> May 16-17	<b>Weed Warriors</b> By videoconference	\$35
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Douglas</b> May 16-17	<b>Weed Warriors</b> By videoconference	\$35

**Send registrations to:**

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