

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A WEED MANAGEMENT AREA
FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO**

This memorandum of understanding is made and entered into by and among the signatory members.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a Yolo County Weed Management Area (YCWMA). The YCWMA members (hereafter referred to as members), will work cooperatively with each other and willing landowners and managers to develop and implement an ecological and integrated approach for the control of noxious weeds and other invasive non-native plants throughout the county of Yolo.

The members propose to work together within the scope of their respective authorities toward a common goal of achieving sustainable, healthy ecosystems that meet the needs of signatory members and stakeholders.

The YCWMA unites its members for the purposes of mapping, planning, monitoring, and conducting research and voluntary weed management programs. Members will jointly prioritize weed management efforts, and then work together to manage the weeds within the YCWMA.

Additionally, all members desire to achieve the advancement of knowledge and skills, good land stewardship practices and public awareness of noxious weed management and invasive non-native plant issues.

II. CHARTER FOR YOLO COUNTY WEED MANAGEMENT AREA

Members will identify the extent and effects of noxious and invasive non-native weeds within the Yolo County Weed Management Area.

Members will identify and implement management strategies and actions to control the spread of prioritized species into and within the YCWMA. Members will also work cooperatively with neighboring weed management areas and other entities to this end.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

Working collaboratively and voluntarily, members will identify priorities and seek funding to facilitate effective weed control. We will share scientific and technical expertise, including monitoring, reporting results of research findings, sharing weed ecology and biology information, GIS and other mapping capabilities, and integrated pest management methods.

Members will work together to facilitate increased public awareness of weed issues. This may include publishing of newsletters, brochures, press releases and a web site.

Members will meet annually, or as needed, to review the progress in implementing the MOU.

It is mutually agreed and understood by the members that:

1. They will meet for the purpose of developing, documenting, and implementing a long-range plan to control noxious and non-native weed infestations in the YCWMA.
2. They will annually report findings and accomplishments and update priorities.
3. This MOU may be modified or amended upon written request of any member and the concurrence of the others. Any member may request to participate or remove themselves from this MOU upon written notice.
4. This instrument in no way restricts the members from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations and individuals.
5. This instrument is neither a fiscal nor a fund obligation document. Any endeavor involving reimbursement or contribution of funds between the members to this instrument will be handled in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and procedures including those for Government procurement and printing. Such endeavors will be outlined in separate agreements that shall be made in writing by representatives of the members and shall be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority.
6. Pursuant to Government Code section 895.4, each member shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless each other member and the officers and employees of each other member from all claims, suits, actions or liability for injury (as defined in Government Code section 810.8) resulting from anything done or omitted to be done by that member in connection with work, responsibilities or services to be performed by that member under this memorandum of understanding.

IV. SIGNATORY MEMBERS

The following organizations share in the goals of this Memorandum of Understanding and agree to become a member of the Yolo County Weed Management Area (See Individual Signatory Sheets Attachment A):

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "A. M. Garcia", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.