

The California Department of Food and Agriculture would like to announce the 2008 WMA Research Mini-Grant Program. All WMA groups and researchers are eligible to submit 1-year pilot study research proposals on field techniques for noxious and invasive weed control and eradication. Proposals must address one of the following Priority Areas: (1) Flushing the Seed Bank, (2) Little to No Management Research Conducted to Date, (3) Restoration, or (4) Wildlife and Invasive Plant Interactions.

Ten percent of funds allocated toward the WMA Program are allocated towards research, of which \$20,000 was set-aside for a Research Mini-Grants Program. Maximum award per proposal is \$5,000. It is very likely that projects funded in this cycle will be given an opportunity for a second year of funding in 2009 and possibly a third year of funding in 2010, based on overall quality of project initiation and preliminary results.

Please see the attached Request for Proposals (RFP) for all of the details, as well as proposal and budget formats. Proposals are due by August 1st, 2008.

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