

Weed Management Area Program Site Visit Evaluations Summer 2008

Objectives:

- 1) To help each WMA evaluate and summarize their successes and failures in implementing WMA projects.
- 2) To ensure that control projects have a simple, yet effective, monitoring component that allows for reportable weed control and eradications figures (net/gross acres surveyed and treated, photos, % change in cover or number plants between years, etc.) used in maintaining and demonstrating the need for more WMA funding statewide.
- 3) To help evaluate needs for supplemental project funding, WMA project proposals to be evaluated by the WMA Oversight Committee later this summer.

Timing:

Finish site visits **by JULY 18th.**

HOW to Proceed in Conducting Each WMA Site Visit:

- 1) Review WMA Group's: work plan, budget, **and** Annual Report before your visit.
- 2) Meet with the WMA leaders to review accomplishments, failures, and/or concerns on all projects described in their work plan (fill out work sheets).
- 3) Review monitoring elements of projects and discuss how projects successes/failures are being measured. (photos, transects, % change in cover or plant counts between years, changes in net acres between years, etc.).
- 4) Visit as many project sites as feasible, half a day MAX per WMA.
- 5) MAIL in the handwritten work sheets to Carri Piroosko (37490 Toronto Ave, Burney CA 96013) and EMAIL a polished typed one-to-two paragraph 2008 summary of each WMA group (to: cpirosko@cdfa.ca.gov). Your worksheets and the typed summary will go into the 2008 Annual report AND be used by the WMA Oversight Committee in reviewing supplemental project proposals later this summer.