

# 2025 CDFA Weed Management Area Grant Program Information Session

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# Overview

- Weed Management Area (WMA) grant program is now live at [grants.ca.gov](https://grants.ca.gov).
- Also available at [CDFA.ca.gov/plant/IPC/Encyclopededia](https://cdfa.ca.gov/plant/IPC/Encyclopededia).
- Applications due February 28, 2025 at 11:59PM.
- \$40,000 per WMA (per year for three years).
- FAQ sheet available



*Arundo donax*, Giant reed, a “B” rated pest

# Purpose of the WMA Grant Program

- The California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) 2025 Weed Management Area Grant Program (WMAGP) will award grants to eligible applicants within the State of California to establish, develop and maintain WMAs and implement the WMAs integrated weed management plan.
- This award is noncompetitive and available to all WMAs who submit a completed application.
- **These funds are separate from the county noxious weed funds!!!**

# 2025 Application and Award Timeline

<b>Invitation to submit Grant Applications Posted on CAC Portal</b>	<b>December 23, 2024</b>
<b>Grant Applications Due</b>	<b>Feb 28th, 2025 at 11:59pm PDT</b>
<b>Review Process</b>	<b>March 15, 2025 – June 1, 2025</b>
<b>Announce and Award Funding</b>	<b>June 15, 2025</b>
<b>Grants Awarded</b>	<b>July 1, 2025</b>

<https://www.grants.ca.gov/>

# Who is eligible?

## **Any eligible WMA**

Definition of an eligible WMA from 7272:

A “weed management area” is a local organization that brings together all interested landowners, land managers (private, city, county, state, and federal), special districts, and the public in a county or other geographical area for the purpose of coordinating and combining their action and expertise to deal with their common weed control problems. The organization shall function under the authority of a mutually developed memorandum of understanding and subject to statutory and regulatory requirements. A weed management area may be voluntarily governed by a chairperson or a steering committee.

# List of currently eligible WMAs

#	WMA Name	Number of Counties
1	Alameda/Contra Costa	2
2	Alpine	1
3	Amador	1
4	Butte	1
5	Calaveras/Tuolumne	2
6	Del Norte	
7	San Joaquin/Stanislaus/Merced (Central Valley)	3
8	Colusa/Glenn/Tehama	3
9	Eastern Sierra (Inyo/Mono)	2
10	El Dorado	1
11	Humboldt	1
12	Imperial	1
13	Kern Mountain Desert	1
14	Kings	1
15	Lake	1
16	Lake Tahoe (Placer, El Dorado, and 3 Nevada Counties)	*
17	Lassen SWAT	1
18	Los Angeles	1
19	Low Desert ( Most of Riverside Co., Coachella Valley part of Imperial Co., part of E San Diego Co.)	*
20	Marin/Sonoma	2
21	Mendocino	1
22	Modoc	1

23	Mojave (most of San Bernardino Co)	*
24	Monterey War on Weeds	1
25	Napa	1
26	Nevada/Placer	2
27	Plumas/Sierra	2
28	Sacramento	1
29	San Benito	1
30	San Diego	1
31	San Francisco	1
32	San Luis Obispo	1
33	San Mateo	1
34	Santa Ana River (Santa Ana River Watershed: parts of W Riverside, San Bern, Orange Counties)	*
35	Santa Barbara	1
36	Santa Clara	1
37	Santa Cruz	1
38	Shasta	1
39	Fresno/Mariposa/Madera	3
40	Siskiyou	1
41	Solano	1
42	Trinity	1
43	Tulare	1
44	Ventura	1
45	Yolo	1
46	Yuba/Sutter	2
	<b>*TOTAL COUNTIES</b>	<b>55 (58)*</b>
	* San Bernardino, Orange, and Riverside Counties in Different WMAs based on watersheds and valleys	



## Eligibility (cont.)

- WMAs cannot overlap funding. Funding must be specific to the project and one project should not have overlapping funding.
- Make sure that you are not applying separately from an existing WMA in your area. Check with local County Ag. Commissioners if you are unsure.



Dense mat of *Hydrilla verticillate*, an "A" rated weed

# Projects must adhere to the following:

Project work must satisfy the implementation of controlling and/or mapping of noxious and invasive weed populations as defined in Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) section 7270.5(b).

## **Each Project must include the following:**

- Describe weed species and areas to be controlled/mapped and why they were selected.
- Describe how control/mapping will be performed (technique, timing, etc).



# Reporting and Invoicing Requirements

- Grantees will be required to submit regular reports and invoices at the following intervals:

Quarterly Reports & Invoicing (Due one month after end of each quarter)	October 31, 2025, 2026, 2027 January 31, 2026, 2027, 2028 April 30, 2026, 2027, 2028 July 31, 2027, 2028
Final Date to Complete Field Work	June 30, 2028
Final Report	July 31, 2028
Final Invoice Due	September 30, 2028

Note: Late reports will delay invoice payment until they are received and processed. Late invoices may result in a delay or an inability for CDFA to provide reimbursement.

# CEQA Permitting

- The WMA applicant is responsible for meeting California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.
- CDFA cannot advise on obtaining CEQA compliance. However, documentation is required stating that this requirement is met.
- Projects operating under exempt status that have been posted as such, are acceptable. Projects funded that are covered by CEQA through another resource (for example joint projects with contractors or subcontractors) is ok as long as the entire portion of the project being funded is covered within the required timeframe.

# Cost Share and Allowable Costs

- Cost share is encouraged, but not required. If cost share is included, it must be used towards allowable costs.
  - Any cost share funds must be reported in the budget
- Maximum of 10 percent of awarded funds can be spent on WMA set up, administration, and/or coordination, including meeting or travel costs.
- See page five of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a detailed list of allowable costs.

# Eligible Species

- Projects should target CDFA “A, B, C, or Q” listed species, or CA 4500 listed species.
- CDFA and 4500 list links are available on CDFA Encycloweedia and the CDFA Pest Proposal blog.
  - <https://blogs.cdfa.ca.gov/Section3162/?p=1958>



Myrtle Spurge, an “A” rated pest

# Stay up to date at the Pest Rating Blog

<https://blogs.cdfa.ca.gov/Section3162/?cat=7>

## PEST RATING PROPOSAL:

⇒ WEEDS:

### PEST RATINGS:

[Ageratina adenophora \(Spreng.\) R. M. King and H. Rob.: croftonweed, thoroughwort, sticky snakeroot](#)  
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Pest Rating: B

[Algerian sea lavender: Limonium ramosissimum](#)

Pest Rating: B

[Alliaria petiolata \(M. Bieb.\) Cavara & Grande, garlic mustard, hedge-garlic](#)

Pest Rating: A

[Alligatorweed | Alternanthera philoxeroides](#)

Pest Rating: A | Proposed Seed Rating: R

[American eelgrass | Vallisneria spiralis Michx.](#)

Pest Rating: D | Seed Rating: Not Rated

[Achnatherum brachychaetum \(Godr.\) Barkworth \(punagrass\)](#)

Pest Rating: B | Seed Rating: P

## WEEDS

# GIANT REED | ARUNDO DONAX

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California Pest Rating for

Giant Reed | *Arundo donax*

Family: Poaceae

Pest Rating: B | Proposed Seed Rating: R



# Application Process

- Complete the project application template form
  - Project narrative should detail the project, techniques to be used, mapping, and target species.
- Complete the Budget Template Form
- **Applicants must use the templates**
- Submit documents to [cdfa.phpps\\_IPCB\\_invoices@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:cdfa.phpps_IPCB_invoices@cdfa.ca.gov)
- If you have questions about the status of your application contact: (916) 262-1102 or [ipcinfo@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:ipcinfo@cdfa.ca.gov)
- **DEADLINE: February 28<sup>th</sup> 2025 11:59 PM**

# Review Process

- All grant applications will undergo an administrative review to ensure completeness and eligibility.
- A technical review will be done to ensure that the project is feasible and fits within the goals of the program.
- Applicants may appeal rejected applications (see RFP page 9 for appeal rights).

# Disqualifications

## Common disqualifying factors:

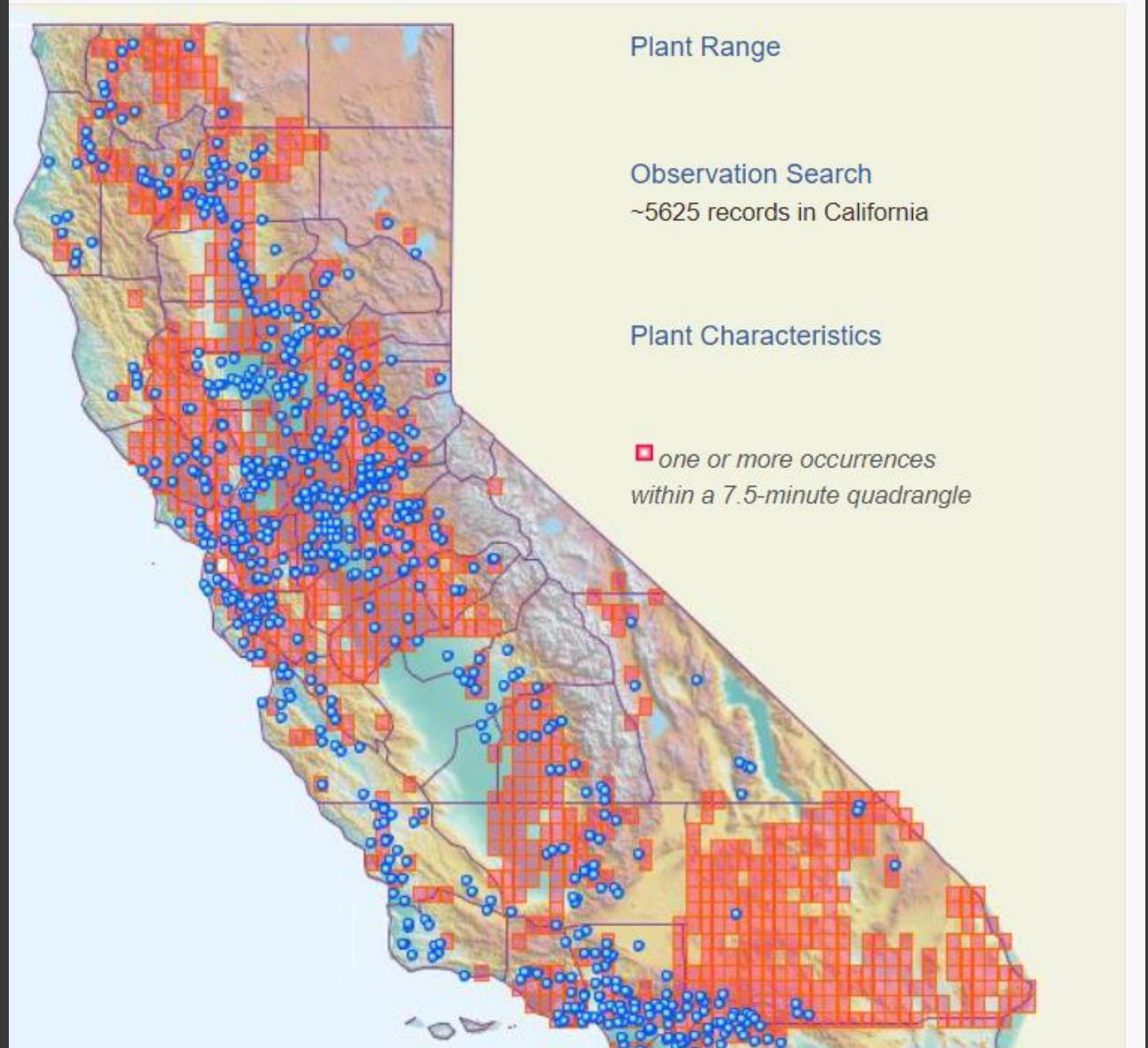
- Grant includes unallowable costs/ items in the budget (See RFP).
  - Requesting more than the max, or less than the minimum.
  - Incomplete application or failing to utilize supplied forms.
  - Late submission.
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- See RFP for complete list of disqualifying factors.
  - Applicants will be notified of disqualification or rejection and have a **30-day appeal window**.

# Mapping

- Weed data mapped/analyzed by CDFA Plant Data Analysis Services (PDAS).
- Primary weed mapping depository is Calflora.org.
  - <https://www.calflora.org/>

*Ailanthus altissima* is a **tree** that is **not native** to California.

Cal-IPC rating: moderate



# Mapping data submission

- Mapping data may be sent directly to [pdas@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:pdas@cdfa.ca.gov)
  - Send whatever format your data was stored in.
  - PDAS will upload your data to the internal CDFFA database.
  - PDAS will upload records to Calflora on your behalf.
  - Sensitive records can be obscured or kept private, depending on the “access” field.
- **If you are choosing to send data to PDAS, contact them for a data schema detailing required data fields.**



# Mapping data submission continued

- A WMA may upload and manage data directly in Calflora. However, please do not send raw mapping data to Calflora staff for processing.
- **If you are not sending your data directly to PDAS (Page 4 of Mapping Template):**
  - Invite PDAS (PDAS@CDFA.CA.gov) to the Calflora group where data is being managed.
  - Email PDAS that your data for the quarter is ready. Include dates from the first observation to the last observation.
  - Send a Calflora link that contains the observations you would like to share with PDAS. 4. PDAS will download your records and upload to the CDFCA internal database.
  - If space in your group is limited, feel free to remove PDAS from your group after PDAS has confirmed they downloaded your data.

# Contact info for more information

**Follow up FAQ session on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00AM**

For general questions, Noxious Weed Grant Coordinator:

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To check on Applications:

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# California Department of Food and Agriculture Weed Management Committee

- FAC Sec 7273 (a) The department shall designate and provide staff support to an oversight committee to monitor this article and shall consider input from weed management areas, county agricultural commissioners, and the Range Management Advisory Committee.
- (b) The membership of the oversight committee shall include an equitable number of representatives from each of the following interests:
  - (1) Livestock production.
  - (2) Agricultural crop protection.
  - (3) Forest products industry.
  - (4) California Invasive Plant Council.
  - (5) Research institutions.
  - (6) Wildlife conservation groups.
  - (7) Environmental groups.
  - (8) Resource conservation districts.
  - (9) The general public.
  - (10) Local government.
  - (11) The Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- (Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 271, Sec. 4. (AB 2402) Effective January 1, 2015.)

# Thank you

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