

Ventura County Weed Management Area

Chaired by the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner, we are a group of individuals, public agencies, environmental coalitions, agricultural concerns, and others who have banded together to fight the spread of invasive and noxious weeds in Ventura County.

Goals

1. Protect and enhance the biodiversity and natural habitats of Ventura County.
2. Reduce fire hazard, erosion and flood danger
3. Increase the value of cropland, pastureland, stream corridors, wildlands, and parks

Methods

- A. PREVENTION - Prevent new and expansion of existing noxious and invasive weed infestations
- B. CONTROL – Promote effective management/eradication of weeds using a comprehensive watershed approach.
- C. EDUCATION – Increase awareness of the threats posed by noxious and invasive weeds.
- D. COOPERATION – Facilitate sharing of resources, materials, personnel, volunteers, expertise, equipment, and permits.

Products

- A. Regular meetings to share information
- B. Educational materials – Weed Fact Sheets
- C. Roadside weed survey
- D. Seminar series for growers and PCA's



Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner's 2011 Yellow Starthistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*) Biological Control Project: Collection and release of the Hairy Weevil (*Eustenopus villosus*)

Students removing invasive ice plant at Channel Islands National Park. Photo provided by Channel Islands Restoration, Inc.



The California Conservation Corps works with the VCWMA to remove Mexican fan palm, Peruvian pepper, and Arundo to reduce fire hazard

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Santa Clara River Invasive Weeds Task Force



Before and after *Arundo donax* removal, confluence of San Francisquito Creek and Santa Clara River, City of Santa Clarita.

Photo Wildscape Restoration



We are a group of stakeholders from government agencies, non-profit organizations, agricultural interests, environmental consultants, landowners, local academic institutions, and others.

We are working together to restore the Santa Clara River by managing invasive weeds in the watershed. We represent both the upper and lower watersheds, and both the Los Angeles and Ventura County Weed Management Areas.



The Nature Conservancy is actively controlling invasive weeds on their properties along the Santa Clara floodplain

Photo The Nature Conservancy

Goals:

1. Share resources: money, people, expertise
2. Coordinate permitting
3. Educate landowners and the public about the benefits of invasive weed management

Removing invasive weeds from the Station Fire burn area

Photo US Forest Service



SCRIWTF is co-chaired by UC Cooperative Extension and The Nature Conservancy

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