

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Alameda County Department of
Agriculture/Weights and Measures

County Clerk

County of: Alameda

(Address)

Project Title: Alameda County Dept. of Agriculture Regulatory Noxious Weed Control and Eradication

Project Applicant: Alameda County Dept. of Agriculture/WM

Project Location - Specific:

Countywide- Alameda County

Project Location - City: Various, Alameda Co. **Project Location - County:** Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See Attached-Regulatory Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds Control, protection of natural resources, environmental protection.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Alameda County Dept. of Agriculture/WM

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Alameda County Dept. of Agriculture/WM

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 14CCR 15308 Action by Regulatory Agency
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Actions taken by regulatory agencies for protection of the Environment- Invasive Species Control

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Edmund Duarte, Deputy Ag. Comm. **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (510) 670-5232

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Carmy Roach

Date: 5/13/20

Title: Ag Commissioner / Seal
Deputy Director - CDA

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

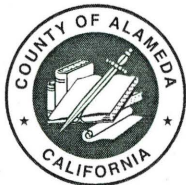
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PROJECT APPLICATION: Alameda County Dept. of Agriculture Regulatory Noxious Weed Control and Eradication

I. Project Overview (FAC 7272.5)

Project Goals and Objectives (check all that apply):

- ☒ Increase the profitability and value of crop land and rangeland
- ☒ Decrease the costs of roadside, park, and waterway maintenance
- ☒ Reduce the fire hazard and fire control costs in the state
- ☒ Protect the biodiversity of native ecosystems
- ☒ Maintain the recreational and aesthetic value of open space, recreational, and public areas
- ☐ Increase water supply and flow

Project Activities (check all that apply):

- ☒ Operation of programs by the county agricultural commissioner for control of noxious weeds along county roads and other local government owned property
- ☒ Matching funds for control of noxious weeds on city owned streets, parks, rights-of-way, and other public areas
- ☐ Disseminating biological control agents by the county agricultural commissioner for the long-term control of yellow starthistle or other noxious weeds
- ☒ Abatement of noxious weed infestations on land vital to the success of the program

II. Project Plan

Weed Species to be Controlled: Regulatory noxious weeds undergoing monitoring, control and eradication by County WMA include primarily; Japanese Dodder, Artichoke Thistle, Purple Starthistle, Rush Skeletonweed, Hoary Cress (3 species), Russian Knapweed, Iberian Starthistle, Dalmatian Toadflax, Puna Grass, and Barb Goatgrass. Algerian sea lavender (*Limonium ramosissimum*) because it is a weed of regional significance targeted for Bay-wide eradication by all Bay Area counties, and work is already underway, will also be treated by a contractor. *Limonium ramosissimum* is "Q" rated by CDFA and a Pest Risk Proposal is expected to result in an "A" rating.

Methodology: The overall methodology for this project is containment, which includes (1) strategic treatment of weed populations of the above species that are most likely to spread and (2) mapping to track any new populations or target weeds. Eradication of invasive sea lavender will occur at selected top tidal marsh locations in the county as identified by the regional project coordinator. This is part of a Bay-wide eradication project. Survey and treatments for the remaining WMA noxious weed species will be made to the extent possible based on resource protection considerations and to improve rangelands for agricultural production. For CEQA compliance we will submit a Notice of Exemption/Regulatory Exemption. All other permitting and access permission is in place.

Location(s): WMA Regulatory Noxious Weeds- Countywide (See maps). *Limonium* project- Eden Landing and Ideal Marsh (See maps).

Weed Removal/Control Technique(s): Chemical Treatments will be targeted primarily at Artichoke/Purple Starthistle sites, and Barb Goatgrass sites (due to limited known distribution in Alameda county of this weed species). Mechanical removal will be undertaken primarily for Japanese Dodder by county staff and tree removal contractors as required. Additional listed regulatory noxious weeds shall be surveyed, and also treated, when/or if practicable within scope of remaining project resources. *Limonium* control will be implemented using an imazapyr-glyphosate mix applied from backpack sprayers. *Limonium* plants will also be hand-pulled by volunteers along with flaming by a propane burner which can be an effective way of treating carpets of seedlings. Two visits per season to each site, six weeks apart, are needed to achieve full efficacy. See Budget for herbicides.



Site Complexes for Cal-IPC Invasive Limonium Project
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation grant

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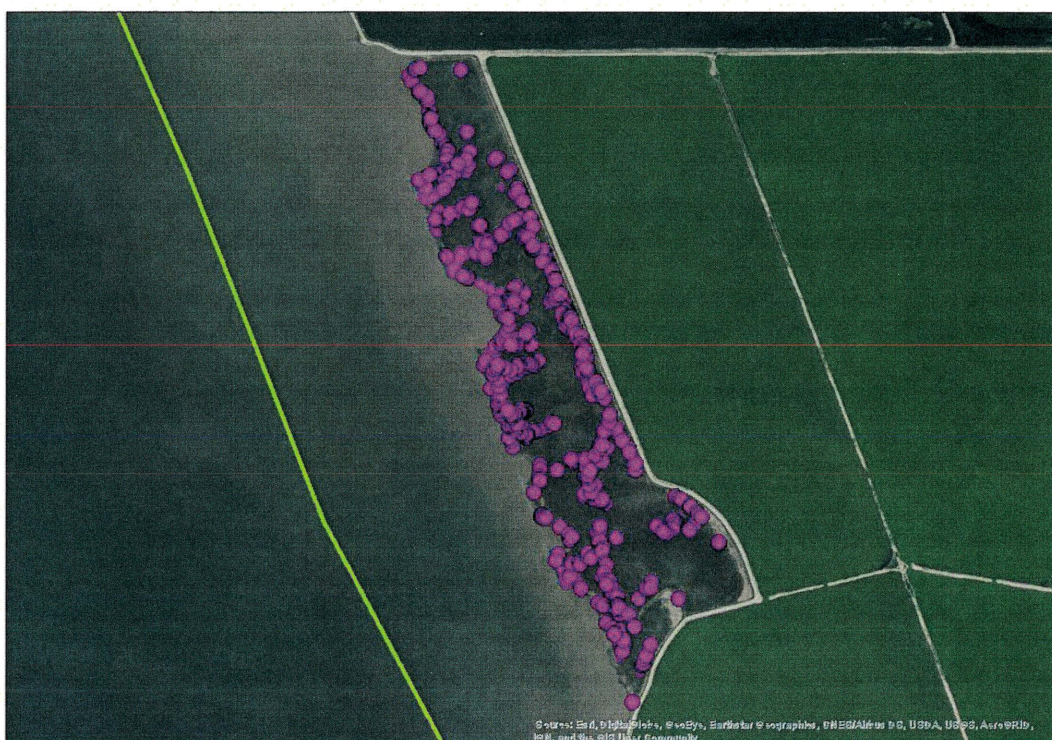
Invasive Limonium in Eden Landing Ecological Reserve (July 2018)
Cal-IPC Limonium grant from National Fish & Wildlife Foundation

0 345 690 1,380 Meters



Ideal Marsh North (2018 *Limonium ramosissimum* data shown)
Cal-IPC Invasive Limonium Project (National Fish & Wildlife Foundation grant)

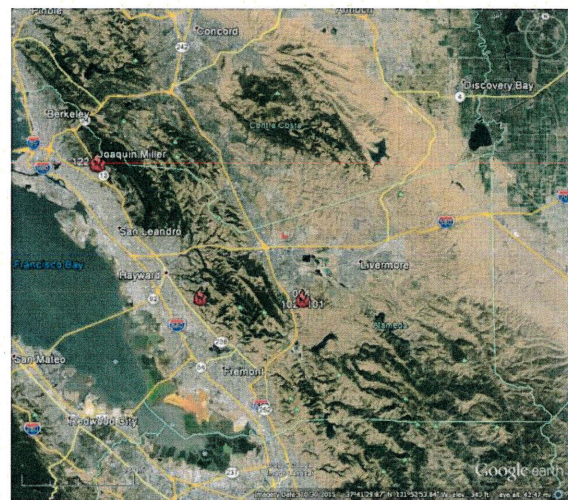
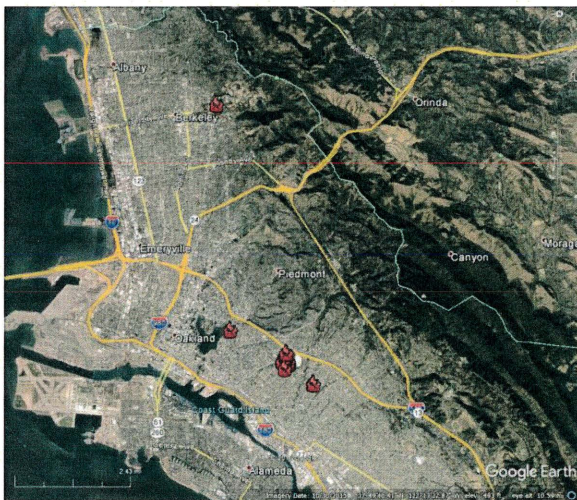
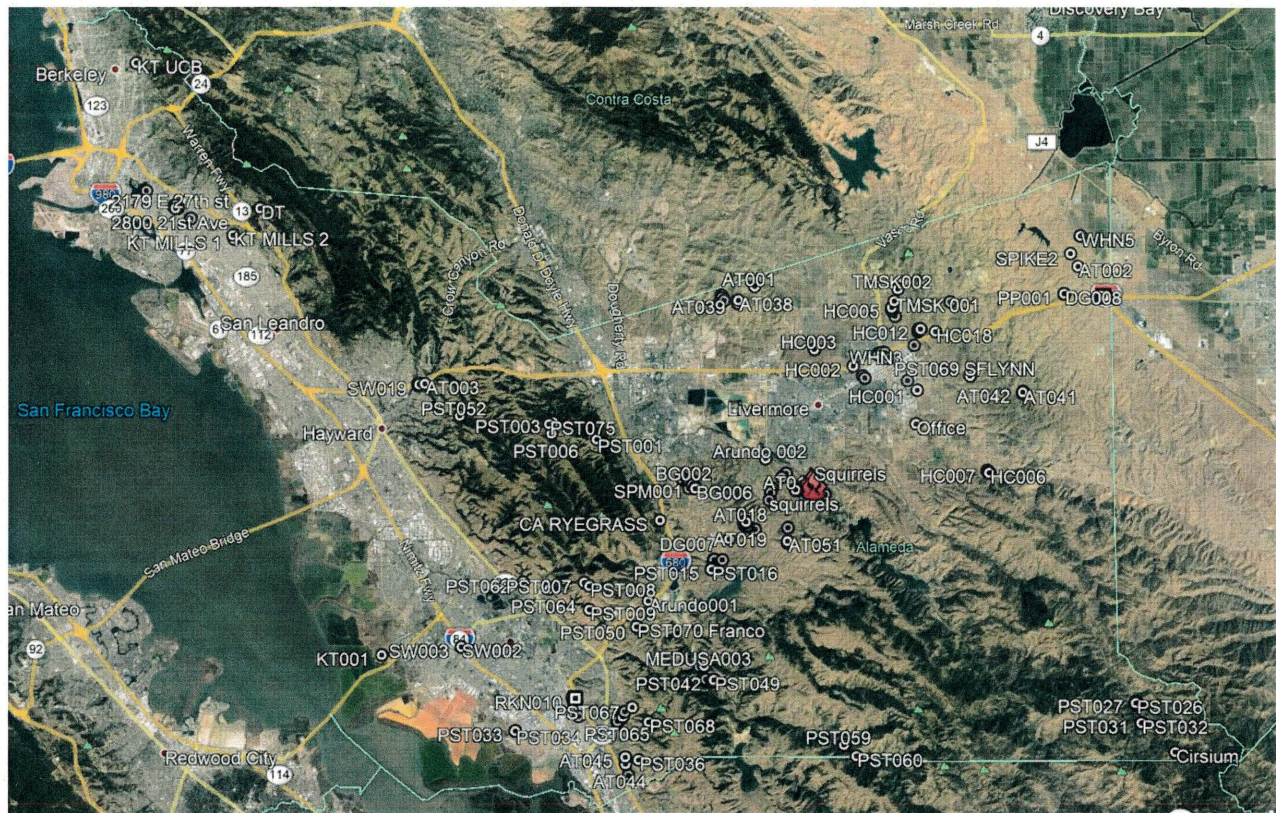
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Ideal Marsh South (2018 *Limonium ramosissimum* data shown)
Cal-IPC Invasive Limonium Project (National Fish & Wildlife Foundation grant)

0 125 250 500 Meters

Sample Alameda County WMA Mapping Data



Sample Alameda County WMA Mapping Data. Top- various weeds under management, control & eradication by County WMA & Partners including: Purple Starthistle (PST), Artichoke Thistle (AT), Iberian Starthistle (IST), Hoary Cresses (HC), Rush Skeletonweed (SW), Barb Goatgrass (BG), Kangaroo Thorn (KT), Medusahead (Medusa), Russian Knapweed (RKN), White Horsenettle (WHN), Puna Grass (PG), etc. Bottom Left: Japanese Dodder areas of known infestation under ongoing control & eradication. Bottom Right: Barb Goatgrass areas of known infestation. Sample data, not all known sites for all weeds shown.