

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

## **Humboldt Weed Management Area**

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), is to encourage and formalize the cooperative relationship necessary for effective management, coordination and implementation of invasive plant species programs among the signatories.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

- (a) “Alien species” means with respect to a particular ecosystem, any plant species, including its seeds, spores, or other biological material capable of propagating that species, that is not native to that ecosystem.
- (b) “Invasive species” means an alien plant species whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.
- (c) “Native species” means with respect to a particular ecosystem, a plant species that, other than as a result of an introduction, historically occurred or currently occurs in that ecosystem.
- (d) “Ecosystem” means the complex of a community of organisms and its environment.
- (e) “Introduction” means the intentional or unintentional escape, release, dissemination, or placement of a species into an ecosystem as a result of human activity.

WHEREAS, invasive species are recognized as a widespread problem in California, with associated costs of \$82 million in 2023, and,

WHEREAS, invasive plant species are displacing native plant communities throughout Humboldt County, and,

WHEREAS, invasive species harm Humboldt County’s agriculture, timber, ecotourism, and infrastructure, and,

WHEREAS, invasive species increase wildfire risk, and,

WHEREAS, the geographic range included in this MOU shall contain all lands within Humboldt County, and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this MOU to enhance the success of invasive species management by performing these efforts on all lands, so as to limit the spread of invasive species, and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this MOU to enhance the potential for success of invasive species management on resource lands by performing these efforts on non-resource zoned lands, so as to limit the spread of invasive species into the

resource areas. It is not the intent to limit the development potential of non-resource designated lands.

THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES MUTUALLY AGREE TO:

- (1) Be recognized as Cooperators in the Humboldt County Weed Management Area (HWMA).
- (2) Cooperate in the strategic planning for invasive species management in Humboldt County.
- (3) Share information among Cooperators and provide assistance and expertise regarding invasive species management (e.g. control methods, introduction prevention measures, restoration tools, etc.) activities on their units.
- (4) Provide opportunities to outside interest groups, private landowners, and the public for involvement in carrying out invasive species management planning on lands within Humboldt County.
- (5) Review this MOU and make revisions and updates as necessary to meet the purpose of this agreement. Amendments shall become effective upon approval by all parties.

This memorandum will become effective as soon as it is signed by a minimum of two signatory parties. Any party may withdraw from this agreement at any time before the date of expiration by providing written notice to the HWMA coordinator.

This MOU in no way restricts any of the Cooperators from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, or individuals.

This MOU will be reviewed every five years from the effective date. Changes can be made if all parties mutually agree.

This MOU is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. Any endeavor involving reimbursement or contribution of funds between the parties to this MOU will be handled in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and procedures including those for Government procurement and printing. Such endeavors will be outlined in separate agreements that shall be made in writing by representatives of the parties and shall be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority. This MOU does not provide such authority. Specifically, this MOU does not establish authority for noncompetitive award to the Cooperator of any contract or other agreement. Any contract or agreement for training or other services must fully comply with all applicable requirements for competition.

Modifications within the scope of this MOU shall be made by the issuance of a bilaterally executed modification prior to any changes being performed.

COUNTERPARTS:

This Agreement may be executed by the Parties in counterparts. In witness thereof, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the written dates below.

Table 1. Humboldt Weed Management Area Memorandum of Understanding signatory and contact list and date signed. The original individual signature pages on file with the Humboldt County Department of Agriculture.

| <b>Humboldt Weed Management Area Memorandum of Understanding Signatory and Contact List</b> |                  |                                        |                  |                                    |                                                 |                                |             |
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| <b>Organization</b>                                                                         | <b>Signatory</b> | <b>Title</b>                           | <b>Contact</b>   | <b>Address</b>                     | <b>Phone</b>                                    | <b>Email</b>                   | <b>Date</b> |
| California Department of Park and Recreation, North Coast Redwoods District                 | Victor Bjelajac  | District Superintendent                | Michelle Forsys  | 3431 Fort Ave., Eureka, CA 95570   | 707-498-6386                                    | michelle.forsys@parks.ca.gov   |             |
| California Native Plant Society - North Coast Chapter                                       | Dr. Carl Klarner | Invasive Plants Committee, Chair       | Dr. Carl Klarner | 4242 Ivy Lane, Eureka, CA 95503    | 812-514-9060                                    | carl.klarner@gmail.com         |             |
| Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria                                  | Garth Sundberg   | Chairperson                            | Melyssa Spandri  | 1-Cher-Ae Lane, Trinidad, CA 95570 | (Cell): 831-801-3906,<br>(Office): 707-825-2734 | mspandri@trinidadrancheria.com |             |
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| Mid Klamath Watershed Council                                                               | Luna Latimer     | Co-Executive Director                  | Tanya Chapple    | PO Box 409, Orleans CA 95556       | (530) 627-3202                                  | PlantsCoordinators@mkwc.org    |             |
| Native Ecosystems Inc                                                                       | Hugh McGee       | Principal Senior Restoration Ecologist | Veronica Yates   | 1308 9th St Arcata, CA 95521       | 530-784-3513                                    | veronica@nat-eco.net           |             |
| Redwood Community Action Agency                                                             | Val Martinez     | Executive Director                     | Jenna Santangelo | 904 G St Eureka CA 95501           | (707) 672-6163                                  | jsantangelo@rcaa.org           |             |

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| Redwood Invasive Plant Eradicators | Dr. Carl Klarner | Director                | Dr. Carl Klarner | 4242 Ivy Lane,<br>Eureka, CA 95503                | 812-514-9060   | carl.klarner@gmail.com           |  |
| Redwood National Park              | Jake Ohlson      | Superintendent          | Sarah Conway     | P.O. Box 7, 121200<br>US Hwy 101, Orick, CA 95555 | 707-465-7787   | sarah_conway@partner.nps.gov     |  |
| The Wildlands Conservancy          | Frazier Haney    | Executive Director      | Emily Afriat     | PO Box 1127<br>Ferndale, CA 95536                 | (707) 672-3592 | emily.a@wildlandsconservancy.org |  |
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