

**Memorandum of Understanding
Colusa, Glenn, and Tehama Counties Weed Management Area
2025**

1. BACKGROUND

The counties of Colusa, Glenn, and Tehama share common land features including flat farmland, rolling foothills, and coastal mountains, with Tehama also including the Sierra Nevada Mountain range. Local weed managers recognize that regular coordination, collaboration, and communication can lead to improved weed exclusion, detection, control, and eradication at both the county and regional levels.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to establish mutual understandings among the three counties regarding their voluntary joint efforts towards regional coordination, collaboration, and communication for the exclusion, detection, control, and eradication of noxious weeds, in accordance with California Food and Agriculture Code §7272 and §7272.5.

3. GOALS

The goals of the Colusa, Glenn, and Tehama Counties Weed Management Area Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) are:

- 3.1. To foster coordination, collaboration, and communication between the three counties on noxious weed-related issues to achieve greater efficiencies and enhance public services.
- 3.2. To provide a framework for the management and disbursement of funding associated with activities pursued jointly under this MOU, in compliance with state law.
- 3.3. To improve competitiveness for State grant funding by leveraging regional cooperation and coordination.

4. DEFINITIONS

- 4.1. **Participants:** Participants include any stakeholder, agency or organization cooperating and coordinating activities necessary for the prevention and control of noxious weeds in Colusa, Glenn, and Tehama Counties.
- 4.2. **Project Manager:** A project manager will be designated by the signatory counties for each project, regardless of funding source, to fulfill the goals outlined in this MOU.

5. MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS

- 5.1. **Participation:** Participants to this MOU constitute the current collaborators, operating on a voluntary basis. Additional agencies or organizations with common weed control interests may be invited to participate. Participants agree to coordinate and collaborate with other regional programs and technical outreach efforts.
- 5.2. **Activities:** Efforts under this MOU will align with and not exceed the existing authority of participating agencies. Activities may include detection, exclusion, eradication, and suppression of noxious weeds, as well as monitoring, reporting, information sharing, public outreach, and education, as mutually agreed upon by the participants.

- 5.3. **County Funding:** Counties are not obligated to commit funding. Enhanced collaboration may improve coordination of existing and future funding opportunities for weed management. When funding is available, participating county departments are encouraged to prioritize cost-share arrangements consistent with eligibility criteria of Section 7272(f) of the California Food and Agriculture Code.
- 5.4. **External Funding:** Participants may pursue external funding opportunities for activities of common interest. Nothing in this MOU precludes any county or organization from independently pursuing, contracting, or completing work funded from an external source, regardless of regional interests.
- 5.5. **Decision-Making:** Decisions will be made by consensus among participating entities whenever possible, reinforcing the cooperative intent of the Weed Management Area.
- 5.6. **Compliance:** Participation in this MOU does not restrict any agency or organization from conducting its own activities or pursuing independent funding sources. Participation is voluntary, and agencies may discontinue involvement at any time.
- 5.7. **Review and Revision:** This living document should be periodically reviewed and updated as needed to reflect evolving program priorities, new participants, or changes in regional weed management strategies.

6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding serves as a cooperative framework among the participating counties, agencies, and organizations. The Weed Management Area is formed for the purpose of coordinating, combining actions, and sharing expertise to address common noxious weed control challenges. While the WMA includes a broad range of partners who collaborate in planning and implementation, formal signatures are limited to Colusa, Glenn, and Tehama Counties to streamline administration. This MOU reflects the shared understanding of all participants and is intended to guide coordinated regional efforts in weed management and implementation of the Integrated Weed Management Plan.

THE PARTIES HERETO have entered into this MOU.

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