

1 Feb, 2015

Rangeland Invasive Species Committee- Sacramento, CA

Chair- Keith Harmoney

Members Present- Brian Mealar, Walt Fick, David Toledo, Margaret Gannon, William Rose, Keith Harmoney; Committee Board of Directors Representative- Joe Hicks

1. Joe Hicks discussed the possibility of a Task Force being appointed to RISC. The BOD are looking for any training that Committees could provide as a way to help members employed by federal agencies to attend the meetings (Pesticide Applicator License training, for example).
2. Discussed definitions requested by the SRM Glossary committee. Definitions were approved for a) integrated pest management, and b) nuisance species.
3. Discussed the 2014 RISC tour at the Tenoroc Fish Management Area.
4. Reminded members that an invasive species tour was included in the 2015 program – Annual Rangelands Management and Challenges Tour.
5. Discussed having a tour or symposium at the 2016 meeting in Corpus Christi. The Welder Wildlife Refuge and the Nature Conservancy Mad Island wildlife area were mentioned as possible sites for tours. Keith is going to make contacts to try to get a tour scheduled.
6. Discussion took place on having a RISC booth at the Corpus Meeting, but it was decided to stick with either a tour or symposium.
7. Discussion on literature in Rangelands. Some invasive species pieces were in Rangelands, and Jeff Mosely had included several invasive species papers in the searching through literature segment.
8. Had a somewhat lengthy discussion on partial committee appointments to RISC. Because the committee has not had large participation numbers, the committee has also not had any large projects for the societies benefit.
9. It was brought to the committee's attention that APHIS was removing the line item for Invasive Species funding. More info may be needed and letters to Congress may be necessary to help try to restore funding.
10. Meeting was adjourned.