

Arizona Invasive Species Advisory Council

Control and Management Working Group

Tuesday, October 30, 2007 Draft Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Dr. John Brock – Co-lead (ASU Polytechnic)
Bill Werner (ADWR)
Brian McGrew (ADA)
Brian Moorhead (SRP)
Dr. Ed Northam (Southwest Vegetation Management Association)
Gary Russell (USDA)
Harold Maxwell (Tucson Water)
Jamie Legg (ADA)
Karen LaMartina (Tucson Water)
Marianne Meding (AGFD)
Tom Klabunde (TNF)

Meeting Minutes:

Work group Co-lead John Brock opened the Control and Management work group meeting at the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Office, Palo Verde Room, 4341 E. Broadway Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85040 at 9:05 a.m. on October 30, 2007

The work group reviewed the meeting minutes from October 9, 2007. The group approved the minutes with some minor changes.

Preliminary discussion focused on the approval of the changes made to the charter and the ground rules set for the Control and Management Work Group. They are as follows:

- ❖ Meetings will start and end promptly at the advertised times, except that the end can always come early with agreement of those in attendance.
- ❖ Discussions to be informal, with speaker designated by one of the C&M co-leaders.
- ❖ A short break will be called about mid-point in the C&M meetings.
- ❖ “Robert’s Rules of Order” will be utilized when formal motions are needed for establishing clear actions of the working group’s deliberations.
- ❖ All interactions will be on a professional basis.

Brian McGrew gave a presentation on the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Incident, Emergency Response of 2005-2007. The presentation included information on taxonomy of the pest, reasons

of concern to Arizona, Impact in California, ADA's authority and declaration of emergency by the Governor, technical information, and lessons learned of the incident. Following the presentation the group talked briefly on items from the report. It was suggested that this report may be a good case study for Early Detection/Rapid Response for the final report.

There was a short discussion on contacting Lori Faith, Natural Resources Liaison to the Office of the Governor, on the status of the General Letter of Interest that is to be signed by the two co-chairs of the council. Marianne Meding said that the letter was out for review at this time.

The group then began discussing the charter. Marianne asked what the "Objective" would be for Objective 3 and after further discussion the items originally slated as Objective 3 were incorporated into Objective 2. Ed Northam noted that there should be a definite distinction between "Eradication" and "Control".

The group then began to address charter objectives. The first objective discussed was Objective 2. *"Identify and recommend uniform invasive species eradication or control and management processes for State Agencies and other stakeholders."*

A few points of importance were identified:

- Eradication or control and management processes not currently codified into a useable system.
- A statewide invasive species plan requires develop a comprehensive approach across state agencies and create streamlines procedures to undertake control and management activities as rapidly as possible.
- It would be beneficial to encourage cooperation.
- State legislature may be much more agreeable to funding a cross-cut budget. The budget details the entire fund, but each state agency identifies their individual contributions.

The Group then began discussion on Objective 2,a. *Identify procurement needs (high demand or emergency) and recommend types/genres of contracts be established to increase purchasing efficiency for agencies statewide. Research and recommend adoption of streamlined processes for identifying opportunities among the State and partner agencies.*

The group came up with examples of types and genres pertaining to procurement: chemicals, grounds keeping, mapping, equipment, biological and engineering consulting services, licensed applicators, travel and lodging. Two recommendations were identified after discussion. The first: Construct procurement contracts to allow other government agencies to utilize them. Then second: Develop and make available a comprehensive directory of contracts and contractors. Then, incorporate them into a database of experts.

The group discussed and made recommendations for Objective 2,b. *Identify specialized personnel among the government agencies and stakeholders that are trained and credentialed in control and management of invasive species.*

Two recommendations were identified for this objective. One, support development of training opportunities to provide credentials for certified personnel. Two, develop and maintain a directory of applicable certifications and qualified personnel. These would then be included in a master directory.

John Brock said that for the November 20th meeting would have a presentation by Mariano Gonzalez ADEM, SERRP Coordinator. His presentation will focus on how Arizona's Emergency Plan provides a structure to support local, county, and state agencies as they respond to large-scale natural, environmental, biological, and man-made threats in Arizona.

Future Meeting dates: Next meeting scheduled for November 15, 2007; 10:00am at the University of Arizona, 1103 E. 2nd St. Harvill Building, Room 435d Tucson, AZ 85721

November 20, 2007; 10:00 a.m. at the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Office, Palo Verde Room, 4341 E. Broadway Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85040

Action Items:

No action items were identified

John Brock adjourned the meeting on October 30, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.