



CWN Invasive Species Program
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Carlsbad Watershed Network Invasive Species Program Agreement

The Carlsbad Watershed Network (CWN) Invasive Non-Native Species Control Program would like your permission to control invasive non-native plant species such as giant reed (*Arundo donax*), pampas grass (*Cortaderia selloana*), and castor bean (*Ricinus communis*) on your property. These plants do extensive damage to private property and our natural resources. They contribute to flood damage, increase the risks associated with fire, and degrade native habitat. They also spread aggressively, potentially onto neighboring properties. Many landowners in your community have expressed a need for assistance in controlling these plants. The costs of control and permitting issues can be overwhelming. As part of our invasive species control measures we are providing this service at no cost.

We will typically treat these plants by applying Rodeo® or Round-up® herbicide to the plant. Both herbicides pose no risk to humans or other animals. Rodeo® is certified by the US Environmental Protection Agency for use in and around wetlands. Professionals, who are fully licensed and insured, will carry out the application. We will mulch all treated invasive plants on the site (unless it is undeveloped). Our grants do not provide funding for treated biomass to be moved off site. Cut biomass will not be left in the creek channel. This letter provides your permission to re-treat any re-sprouting target non-native invasive plants on your property for 10 years at no cost to you, the property owner or manager. In addition, native plants may be installed to help re-vegetate the site after invasive plants have been treated. We work closely with the property owner to cater our activities to your needs and concerns. The cost of the initial treatments, re-treatments, bio-mass reduction, and re-planting will be the responsibility of control program. In addition, we have obtained all necessary permits for treatments from local municipalities and government agencies, the Department of Fish & Game, and we have consulted with Fish & Wildlife Service. Be assured that every reasonable precaution will be exercised by our program and our contractors to avoid damage to persons and property.

The CWN, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and Wildlife Conservation Board are not responsible for any erosion, flood or fire damage occurring in or around the treated invasive non-native plants either before or after the treatment has occurred. Creek crossing maintenance and function, particularly un-permitted structures, remain the responsibility of the property owner. Assistance with these structures can be obtained by contacting the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) or private engineers.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation on this important project.

I, _____ agree to allow the Carlsbad Watershed Network's Invasive Species Program to spray and control invasive non-native plants at _____
(Print Property Owner or Manager's Name)
(Parcel Number (APN))

_____ for 10 years.
(Street Address, City)

The CWN, SELC, and the RWQCB are not responsible for any erosion, flood or fire damage occurring in or around the treated invasive non-native plants either before or after the treatment has occurred.

Property Owner/Manager Signature _____ *Date* _____ *Phone Number* _____ *E-mail address*

(Property Owner Mailing Address, City, State, Zip)

NOTES:

WATERSHED ID: _____

DATE RECEIVED: _____