

Eddy County Coordinated Weed Management Group
3219 S Canal, Carlsbad NM
Notes from March 15, 2011

Attendees:

Judith Ortego – Carlsbad SWCD

Ray Keller – BLM CFO

Ray Chapler – Brantley Lake State Park

Andrew Kraemer – State Land Office

April Luna – NRCS

Kelly Cox – Eddy County

Jimmie Childress – Eddy County

Chris Dawson – Living Desert State Park

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Discussion and Updates

Each agency representative discussed the status of current/planned applications and the status of current/additional funding:

Eddy County – Kelly Cox stated that treatment of Malta star thistle is underway. Right-of-ways in the Otis and Loving areas have been treated. Spraying will continue in Artesia east of Highway 285, on Old Cavern Rd., and Black River Village Rd. Areas that have been continuously treated for the past five years are showing very little growth. Saltcedar growing along Capitan Reef Rd. has been treated.

Carlsbad SWCD – Judith Ortego reported that the District has been awarded a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to be used to purchase chemical for noxious weed treatment.

State Land Office – Andrew Kraemer stated that he is trying to get more funding for noxious weed control.

Brantley Lake State Park – Ray Chapler said that there are very few weeds growing at Brantley Lake. The Bureau of Reclamation has been working toward starting an aquatics invasives detection project at all the lakes in New Mexico. Additional temporary staff will be hired this summer to do boat inspections.

Living Desert State Park – Chris Dawson reported that there is some Malta star thistle growing in the Park and will be treated.

Bureau of Land Management – Carlsbad Field Office - Ray Keller said that saltcedar work has been completed in Hay Hollow Draw, Cottonwood Draw, and Hackberry Draw. Resprouts have been treated by hand from below Six-mile Dam on both sides of the Pecos River to the Loving Bridge. Work is continuing near Fisherman's Lane. Russian olive and saltcedar treatment has been done along the Delaware River and Black River

Comments

The next meeting will be May 31, 2011, 10 a.m. at the Carlsbad Soil and Water Conservation District office. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.