Procedure	Last Update:
Adopt a Road/Street Weed Control Program	May 30, 2013

References (Statutes/Resos/Policies): Adopt a Road/Street Weed Control Program Policy

Purpose: To establish procedures for the Adopt a Road/Street Weed Control Program

A. The Program

1. Adoption of Road/Street segments will be granted on a "first come first served" basis.

2. Segment size and location will be determined by the County Weed and Pest Management Specialist.

    a. Individuals can adopt segments of roads/streets adjacent to property that they own or maintain control over.

    b. Groups may adopt larger sections.

    c. Segments will normally be between 1 and 2 miles in length.

    d. No organization may adopt more than 2 segments at a time.

3. The term of each approved adoption program shall be two (2) years provided that the participant/organization shall have an option to renew at the end of each two-year period, if it has provided noxious weed control substantially in accordance with the policy and this procedure.

4. Appropriate signage will be provided by the County.

    a. Segments adopted by individuals will not be posted with formal Adopt-a-Road/Street signs.

    b. Those segments adopted by organizations will be posted with an "Adopt-a-Road/Street" sign as described below.

        (1) The ends of each adopted segment will be identified by a sign stating “Adopt-a-Road/Sreet Weed Control next _____miles" followed by the organization name. Such sign shall be erected and maintained by the County for so long as the program remains in effect and the adopting organization identified on such sign satisfactorily performs noxious weed control activities in compliance with all applicable policies and procedures as may be adopted by the County from time to time.

        (2) Folding warning signs reading "Weed Control Ahead" will be attached to segment identification sign.

B. Each adopting organization shall commit to the following:

1. Notification to the County Weed and Pest Management Specialist at least two weeks in advance of each weed control day.

2. Utilization of only qualified members of the adopting organization, on a participant basis, to perform weed control activities.

3. Direction of all participants engaged in weed control activities to comply with the safety rules and guidelines provided by the County and monitor the conduct of participants as necessary to promote compliance with such rules and guidelines, including appropriate use of safety vests and warning signs, etc.

4. Notification to the County promptly upon finding or identifying discarded items which may pose health or environmental hazards or which may otherwise require special handling. Such items should be left in place and not disturbed.

5. The organization shall obtain a signed waiver and release in a form approved by the County Attorneys Office from each participant. Such waiver and release shall save and hold the County, its agents and employees harmless from and against liability for any loss or injury incurred by any participant while engaged in litter pickup or related activities. The organization shall deliver the signed form(s) to the Division of Highways and Transportation prior to the activity and, as necessary, prior to any subsequent pickup activity. Only those individuals who have signed the release and disclaimer form(s) may participate in the pickup activities. For individuals under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign the waiver and release form on behalf of such individual.

6. It is the responsibility of the adopting organization to open the warning signs at the beginning of each control operation and close the warning signs at the end of each control operation. These signs are not to be left open between subsequent control periods. The adopting organization shall contact the County Weed and Pest Management Specialist if the warning sign is missing or needs repair.

7. The County Weed and Pest Management Specialist will provide each adopting organization or individual with information regarding noxious weed identification and the proper control methods required to achieve control.

    a. Methods to be used are limited to the use of mechanical means (hand puling, mowing, etc.) at a frequency sufficient to prevent seed head formation and the spread of propagative plant parts of various noxious weeds.

    b. Weeds will not need to be bagged unless seedhead formation has already occurred.

    c. The County will arrange for collection of filled trash bags as soon as possible after notification that weed control operations have been completed. The County shall assume responsibility for transport to a suitable disposal site at County expense.

C. Request Form

Requests to adopt a segment of road/street shall be made to the County Weed and Pest Management Specialist on a form provided by the County. Every applicant shall provide the name and address of the organization and of at least two individuals qualified to represent the organization.