

TREE, BRUSH, NOXIOUS WEEDS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES SEPT. 21, 2012 2:pm

All committee members were present. They included; Committee Chairperson Larry Raymer, Committee Secretary George Miller, Bill Johnson, Lee Hill, G.V. Williams, Valerie Harrison and George Yesalavich.

INTRODUCTION

Chairperson Raymer introduced the committee members and stated that all those present were full time residents of Surfside and some had been here many years and served on the committee for years. Larry also introduced the guests in attendance. Committee member George Yesalavich was acknowledged as an amateur arborist with extensive knowledge.

NOXIOUS WEEDS PRESENTATION

Mike Nordin of the Pacific County Weed Board and Mike Johnson of the Pacific Conservation District were guest speakers on the topic of noxious weeds in Surfside and elsewhere. Their discussion also included trees.

The A, B and C classifications of noxious weeds were explained to the group. This included the Pacific County requirements for the control of these noxious weeds on private property as well as county property.

There was discussion about the noxious weed "Gorse" especially in Surfside. The control is difficult and the various ways to control this was discussed. The County can chemically treat this on your private property for a fee with the cost dependent on the amount of treatment needed. Mr. Nordin indicated that there are grant funds for the treatment of Gorse on private property. He suggested that the Surfside Homeowners do a survey using GPS to identify all lots that are infested with Gorse. That information would then be submitted to the county for grant funds for the project. He expressed concern that chipping lot debris that contained Gorse could easily infect other areas if the chips are used as a ground cover.

Committee member George Yesalavich suggested that the "out of compliance" letters on noxious weeds that are sent to Surfside lot owners should also include the county requirements and County penalties for non-compliance. It was also discussed that there should be discussion with the property owners before a letter is sent. Education of the members can also control and prevent the spread of noxious weeds.

OTHER ITEMS

The committee also discussed the *Surfside Fire Wise* program and the non-native pine trees in Surfside. There was also discussion on tree heights and the recently purchased laser device to measure tree heights.

AJOURN.. 4:15 PM. Next meeting not scheduled at this time.