



Ventura County Resource Conservation District

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## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE CALLEGUAS CREEK ARUNDO/TAMARISK REMOVAL PROGRAM (CCARP)**

### **SECTION 1 - PURPOSE**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a framework to proactively address the intent of the Calleguas Creek Arundo/Tamarisk Removal Program (CCARP) during its development and implementation. The Ventura County Resource Conservation District (VCRCD), in conjunction with its partners, will take the lead to coordinate activities and communication of the Working Group formed during this process. The MOU will foster interagency cooperation with the VCRCD, federal and local agencies, watershed-based groups, and private landowners in programs that contribute to the removal of invasive plant species and restoration of habitat.

### **SECTION 2 - OVERVIEW**

The CCARP will be utilized to perform integrated weed management on a regional planning level. The CCARP will include programmatic California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning and related documentation for the implementation, maintenance, and monitoring of arundo and tamarisk removal projects within the riparian corridors of the Calleguas Creek watershed. In general, the VCRCD and its partners will work together to develop a comprehensive document, which will include vegetation mapping, potential removal techniques, long-term implementation procedures, evaluating potential environmental impacts of arundo and tamarisk removal, identifying mitigation measures, identifying potential future funding, and conducting public outreach.

### **SECTION 3 - AGREEMENT**

It is mutually agreed upon and understood by and among the parties to this MOU that:

- A. The VCRCD shall utilize funding from the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Proposition 50 State Water Resources Control Board Grant\* to develop the Calleguas Creek Arundo/Tamarisk Removal Program [CCARP] to control invasive, non-native plant infestations within the Calleguas Creek watershed using the elements of integrated weed management. The VCRCD shall consider input from all parties to this MOU to develop and implement the CCARP.
- B. The CCARP Working Group will meet during the Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan Habitat and Recreation Subcommittee meetings to provide input for the development of the CCARP.
- C. This MOU may be revised as necessary, by mutual consent of the parties, by issuance of a written amendment signed and dated by all parties.
- D. This MOU in no way restricts any party from participation in similar agreements and/or activities with other public or private entities.

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- E. Interested landowners, land managers (private, city, county, state and federal), special districts, and the public in the Calleguas Creek Watershed may become part of the CCARP Working Group by execution of the signature page entitled "Agreement to Join the Memorandum of Understanding Establishing the Calleguas Creek Arundo/Tamarisk Removal Program Technical Advisory Committee" attached as Exhibit A. The executed signature page shall be returned to the VCRCDC for distribution to all parties to this MOU.
- G. This MOU shall be effective upon execution by a minimum of two (2) parties. Any party may terminate their participation in this MOU at any time by providing written notice to the VCRCDC.
- H. This MOU is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. Any endeavor involving reimbursement or contribution of funds between the parties to this instrument will be handled in accordance with the laws, regulations, and procedures applicable to each governmental agency, private landowner, or other participant, including those for government procurement and printing. Such endeavors will be outlined in separate agreements that shall be made in writing by representatives of the parties and shall be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority.
- I. Each party shall maintain its own insurance coverage, through commercial insurance, self-insurance or a combination thereof, against any claim, expense, cost, damage or liability arising out of the performance of its responsibilities pursuant to this MOU.
- J. Each party shall perform its responsibilities and activities described herein as an independent party and not as an officer, agent, servant, or employee of any of the other parties hereto. Each party shall be solely responsible for the acts and omissions of its officers, agents, employees, contractors, and subcontractors, if any. Nothing herein shall be considered as creating a partnership or joint venture between the parties.

\* Funding for this project has been provided in full or in part through an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board. The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the State Water Resources Control Board, nor does mention of trade names or commercial products constitute endorsement or recommendation for use."



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**EXHIBIT A**

Effective Date

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the dates written below.

Ventura County Resource Conservation District (VCRCD)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

*Name/Address of Party to Receive Notices:*

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Ventura County Resource Conservation District  
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Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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