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Don't Trash Shasta! Report illegal dumping 1-866-61-Trash 1-866-(618-7274) In Progress Dumping Call 245-6564

Report as much information as possible:

- Vehicle Type and color
- License plate number
- Description of person (s)
- Location with address or cross street
- Property Owners name
- Description of waste

Do not approach the person dumping waste! Investigators will respond to reported illegal dumping. The person providing the information must cooperate in the prosecution, and rewards may be divided if more than one person provides information. An additional award of up to 50% of the fine imposed on the offender may also be available to the person providing information.

Dumping is against the Law!

Proper disposal is Key. Solid waste may not be burned, buried, or allowed to accumulate, even on one's own property, as this can create a health and safety hazard as well as a public nuisance. Owners may be held criminally liable if their property is not kept clean. Shasta County is not responsible for cleaning up garbage on private property.

Report Illegal Dumping As Soon As You Notice It!

Properly dispose of waste and recycle:

For permitted disposal facilities, recycling centers and free tire and household hazardous waste collection events, call

Shasta County Dept. of Resource Management
225-5789 or 1-800-528-2850
Abandoned Vehicles
Shasta County Sheriff's Office
Abandoned Vehicles:
245-6186

Cottonwood Creek Watershed Group Announces Mitigation Library and Invites Participation

Cottonwood Creek Watershed Group has been in business for the past nine years working with willing landowners throughout Shasta and Tehama County working to conserve and restore natural resources. This year we are announcing the opening of our Cottonwood Creek Watershed Mitigation Library!

Development projects and public works are often proposed in areas containing sensitive habitats, including ephemeral, intermittent streams, riparian corridors and oak woodlands. It is preferable to avoid such sensitive resources when siting public works and development projects.

This project library will be available at our office as a source of mitigation projects to consultants, developers and landowners. The library can also be used to mitigate for general and individual permit actions.

We invite you to participate in developing the project library of various types of mitigation projects in Shasta and Tehama County.

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Mission Statement: "The Cottonwood Creek Watershed Group will work to preserve the environment, private property and water rights, and economic resources of Cottonwood Creek watershed through responsible stewardship, liaison, cooperation, and education. CCWG 10/27/99"

Board of Directors: Lon Currey, Jan Lopez, Jennifer Williams, Bill Williams, Carole Ryan, Jim Busher and Ron Crane.

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Milestone, a New Herbicide for Yellow Starthistle

By Glenn Nader and Guy Kyser

Due to the interest in this article last quarter, CCWG decided we would run a brief overview of this article for you this month along with the contact information you need to implement the eradication of Starthistle. The whole article is available for review in last quarter's news letter or call our office and we will be happy to provide you with the complete article.

Milestone,* (aminopyralid) is a new herbicide for use in rangeland, pasture, wildlands, and rights-of-way to control broadleaf plants, especially thistles. It controls some important Sacramento valley weeds such as yellow starthistle, Italian thistle, and artichoke thistle.

Treatments of Milestone are best applied from December to March. March applications may require a higher rate to be effective. Applications should be made before starthistle bolts or before annual grasses exceed four to six inches in height. Research has shown that the earlier the application, the more grass that is produced on the site.

Contact information:

Shasta County Agriculture at (530) 224-4949
Tehama County Agriculture at (530) 527-4504

News from the Past

An excerpt from Dottie Smiths book, [History of Cottonwood Now and Then.](#)

1880's

The First Horse Racing Track.....

The first horse racing track was located on a level strip of land stretching from what is now Fourth Street east to the railroad tracts. It was the place where many Cottonwoodites were rendered either rich or poor depending on the outcome of the race.

The track move in the 1890's to the hill behind the present PG & E substation on Trefoil Lane.

See what's on the flip side!

Cottonwood Creek Watershed Group and the Partners Program

Since its inception, Cottonwood Creek Watershed Group has contributed nearly \$2,000,000.00 to the counties of Shasta and Tehama and the community of Cottonwood through their grant writing for benefits to the watershed. Now CCWG would like to assist you also.

Cottonwood Creek has recently been presented with a new grant writing viable program through US Fish & Wildlife called the "Partners Program". This program has the ability to benefit our local stakeholders enormously. This successful results-oriented program has garnered support through the years and has grown into a larger and more diversified habitat restoration program assisting thousands of private landowners across the nation.

It is estimated that 73% of our Nation's land is privately owned and that the majority of our fish and wildlife resources occur on those lands. Consequently, the conservation lands held by Federal and state agencies and other conservation groups cannot completely provide for fish and wildlife needs.

The Partners Program, locally based field office has national priority ranking factors for the Partners Program they are used to assign funding priority status to proposed projects that meet these standards.

CCWG welcomes you to call our local office and discuss the requirements for the Partners program and see if we may qualify you for assistance on your private or public lands.

Cottonwood Creek Watershed 2007 Survey

1. What are your general assessment regarding the condition of the Cottonwood Creek Watershed?
2. In the next 10 years what would you like to see improved, changed or remain the same in the Cottonwood Creek Watershed?
3. If you own property in the Cottonwood Creek Watershed is there adequate support for resource stewardship programs to assist you in proper land management?
4. What natural/cultural resources are important to you?

Cottonwood Creek Watershed 2007 Survey continued...

5. What types of land uses are acceptable and / or not acceptable in your Cottonwood Creek Watershed?
6. Do you have concerns regarding residential and commercial growth in the area?
7. Do you utilize recreational opportunities in the Cottonwood Creek Watershed and if so what and where?
8. Are there activities or development that threatens the historical condition of the Cottonwood Creek Watershed.
9. Are there activities or development that enhances the condition of your Watershed.
10. Are there groups, agencies or programs that Cottonwood Creek could establish new partnerships for beneficial outcomes for the resource?
11. Have you noticed changes to the condition of Cottonwood Creek grassland, Oaks, and surrounding area?
12. What type of long term protections would be appropriate for Cottonwood Creek Watershed?
13. What is the best way to engage the local community in resource protection activities?

Please let us know the issues that are important to you. If you do not find the issue you are most concerned about, please feel free to add it.