

Ground Squirrel Control Program:

- The ground squirrel treatment program will start next week

Noxious Weed Program:

- Height of the season is now over
- We struggled due to three persons out from injury. Also the season started out slowly with little germination of artichoke thistle and purple starthistle in February and early March and then a flush of germination with the March rains. The result was that many of the ranches that were done early required a follow-up treatment.
- Late season weeds that we are still in process or will be started:
 - White hosenettle
 - Perennial pepperweed
 - Red sesbania
 - Pampas grass
- Though stats have not been analyzed there are some obvious accomplishments:
 - Purple loosestrife: only 36 plants found this year (well over 300 treated each year in the first few years of the program). Though 36 is higher than the 32 found in each of the two previous years only one plant was found further south than the Hwy 4 crossing. This compares to years past where many plants were found sporadically through Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek and into Lafayette.
 - No new Japanese dodder infestations discovered this year. 48 of the 49 historic sites are JD free. One site had a small amount of residual JD this year.
 - One of the two Japanese knotweed sites is now completely free of this noxious weed. There is a very little residual infestation at the other site where it is breaking through the asphalt of the street.

General Quarantine and Pest Detection:

- Our two new canines, Conan and Cairo, are now fully certified. Our canine teams check parcel carriers throughout the greater bay area.
- No new exotic pests have been found by our pest detection program --- That is good news.