

San Miguel County Weed Board Meeting

Date: March 27, 2025

Time: 4:00 p.m.

1. Attendance
CWAB Members Present: Jim Fitzmorris, Nancy Willis, Sheila Grother
Absent: John Humphries
Staff: Janet Kask, Greg Polio, and Julie Kolb
2. Call to Order
By chairperson Nancy Willis at 4:12 pm
3. Approval of Minutes
Minutes approved for December 12, 2024
4. Board Seat Application
5-member board member minimum
State statute requires that landowners must own 40 acres or more to join the weed board.
Tried contacting larger landowners to participate, but no success.
Motion passed to allow Suzanne Cheavens, who has submitted an application, to join the board as a landowner with less than 40 acres pending approval from BOCC.
5. Discussion of Enforcement Actions – Julie Kolb, Weed Manager
Senate Bill 2431 establishes mechanisms that counties can use to enforce noxious weed problems on private land within the county.
Enforcement funding and staffing issues contribute to the problem of holding private landowners accountable.
At this point, we do not have the ability to move forward beyond the current level of involvement of the vegetation management department.
6. County Educational Opportunities and equipment sharing; backpack sprayers are currently available for public use; however, no additional equipment is available for public use at this time.
7. Road and Bridge Right-of-Ways vegetation disturbance – did not discuss as this was John Humphries' item
8. Update on Noxious Weeds Agreements, Cost-Share Program, and America the Beautiful Grant:
 - Agreements are the same as last year, excluding the Town of Norwood.
 - Cost-Share Program is still in place with a \$5,000 annual budget.
 - America the Beautiful Grant work should be completed by 11/2025.

9. Noxious Weed Survey Update:

Not a sufficient number of surveys were returned. We may attempt to resend surveys to extend the survey collection timeframe and obtain more responses for improved results.