

CHAPTER 12

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ARTICLE 1

Undesirable Weed Management Plan

Resolution No. 91-26

December 30, 1991

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Colorado requires that the Board of County Commissioners take the necessary actions to provide for the management of undesirable plants within the unincorporated portions of the County by January 1, 1992; and

WHEREAS, such undesirable plants constitute a present threat to the continued economic and environmental values of the lands within Otero County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, County of Otero, State of Colorado, that the following actions are taken pursuant to Title 35, Article 5.5, C.R.S., Colorado Weed Management Act:

I. Advisory Commission:

The Board of County Commissioners is designated to act as the undesirable plant management advisory commission. The composition of this commission will be reviewed annually, with the objective of integrating additional members from soil conservation districts, interested individuals, etc.

Such advisory commission shall have the duties and powers as outlined under Section 35-5.5-107, C.R.S.

II. Designated Plants:

The following plant species are designated in Otero County as undesirable plants which must be managed under the provisions of the "Colorado Weed Management Act":

- a) Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*).
- b) Diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*).
- c) Russian knapweed (*Centaurea repens*).
- d) Spotted knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa*).

Additional plants may be designated after a public hearing, and provided resources are available to realistically provide for their management.

III. Undesirable Plant Management Strategies:

There are three (3) basic management strategies: prevention, eradication, and control.

a) Prevention is the procedure utilized to keep previously uninfected areas from developing a problem. This would involve good stewardship and a strong prevention program.

b) Eradication is the complete removal of undesirable plants from an area.

c) Control is the management technique that is usually practiced, and involves the reduction of the undesirable plant population in an area in such a manner that the intended use of the land can be achieved. It is anticipated that this particular strategy will be the primary focus of the County's management program.

An important component of this technique involves education of appropriate individuals; i.e., employees, soil conservation district personnel, private land owners, etc., in the identification of designated plants. The local CSU Cooperative Extension Office has agreed to provide training programs and educational materials to assist in this facet of the overall program. Problem areas will be identified and mapped, and then an appropriate management plan shall be developed.

The implementation of this type of program will be developed within the framework of existing resources.

IV. Control of Undesirable Plants – Charges:

The control of undesirable plants on private lands shall be handled pursuant to the guidelines established under Section 35-5.5-109, C.R.S.

The control of undesirable plants on public lands shall be handled pursuant to the guidelines established under Section 35-5.5-110, C.R.S.

The control of undesirable plants on public rights-of-way shall be handled pursuant to Section 35-5.5-112, C.R.S.

V. Incorporation of Statute:

Title 35, Article 5.5, C.R.S., shall be made a part of this Resolution and management plan, including definitions, duties, powers, limitations, rights and review. A copy of the statute is attached and is identified as "Attach A."

ARTICLE 2

Noxious Weed Management Plan

Resolution No. 2001-07

May 29, 2001

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR OTERO COUNTY

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Colorado requires that the Board of County Commissioners take the necessary actions to provide for the management of undesirable plants and noxious weeds within the unincorporated portions of the County; and

WHEREAS, such undesirable plants and noxious weeds constitute a present threat to the continued economic and environmental values of the lands within Otero County; and

WHEREAS, the County has previously adopted by resolution an undesirable plant management plan and after review desires to amend the plan and adopt a new management plan as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County, Colorado, that the following actions are taken pursuant to Title 35, Article 5.5, C.R.S., "Colorado Noxious Weed Act":

I. Local Advisory Board:

The Board of County Commissioners is designated to act as the Local Advisory Board. The composition of this Board will be reviewed annually, with the objective of integrating additional members from soil con-

servation districts and interested individuals, as determined by the Board of County Commissioners. Such Board shall have the duties and powers as outlined under Section 35-5.5-107, C.R.S.

II. Designated Noxious Weeds:

The County hereby adopts the State's list of plant species that are designated as noxious weeds as the County's list of plant species that are designated as noxious weeds, as that list may be amended from time to time, or as modified by the Board of County Commissioners as provided in Section 35-5.5-108(3), C.R.S.

III. Noxious Weed Management Strategies:

There are three (3) basic management strategies: prevention, eradication and control.

a) Prevention is the procedure utilized to keep previously uninfected areas from developing a problem. This would involve good stewardship and a strong prevention program.

b) Eradication is the complete removal of noxious weeds from an area.

c) Control is the management technique that is usually practiced, and involves the reduction of the noxious weed population in an area in such a manner that the intended use of the land can be achieved. It is anticipated that this particular strategy will be the primary focus of the County's management program.

An important component of this technique involves the education of appropriate individuals, such as County employees, soil conservation district personnel and private landowners, in the identification of the designated plants. The local CSU Cooperative Extension Office has agreed to provide training programs and educational materials to assist in this facet of the overall program. Problem areas will be identified, mapped and then an appropriate management plan can be developed.

The implementation of this type of program will be developed within the framework of existing resources.

IV. Control of Noxious Weeds – Charges:

The control of noxious weeds on private lands shall be handled pursuant to the guidelines and procedures established under Section 35-5.5-110, C.R.S.

The control of noxious weeds on public lands shall be handled pursuant to the guidelines and procedures established under Section 35-5.5-110, C.R.S.

The control of noxious weeds on public rights of way shall be handled pursuant to Section. 35-5.5-112, C.R.S.

V. Incorporation of Statute:

Title 35, Article 5.5, C.R.S., shall be made a part of this resolution and management plan, including definitions, duties, powers, limitations, rights, penalties, costs, charges and review. A copy of the statute is attached and is identified as "Attachment A."

VI. Repeal of Previous Resolution:

Resolution 91-26 is hereby repealed.

ARTICLE 3

Noxious Weed Management Plan

Resolution No. 2004-024

September 13, 2004

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR OTERO COUNTY

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Colorado requires that the Board of County Commissioners shall adopt a noxious weed management plan for all of the incorporated lands within the County, such plan to include all requirements and duties imposed by, Title 35, Article 5.5, C.R.S., entitled "Colorado Noxious Weed Act"; and

WHEREAS, such undesirable plants and noxious weeds constitute a present threat to the continued economic and environmental values of the lands within Otero County; and

WHEREAS, the County has previously adopted Resolution No. 2001-07 as concerns a noxious weed management plan, and the County desires to amend that plan in certain respects as set forth hereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County, Colorado, that the following actions are taken pursuant to Title 35, Article 5.5, C.R.S., "Colorado Noxious Weed Act":

I. Local Advisory Board:

The Board of County Commissioners is designated to act as the Local Advisory Board. The composition of this Board will be reviewed annually, with the objective of integrating additional members from soil conservation districts and interested individuals, as determined by the Board of County Commissioners.

Such Board shall have the duties and powers as outlined under Section 35-5.5-107, C.R.S.

II. Designated Noxious Weeds:

The County hereby adopts the State's list of plant species that are designated as noxious weeds as the County's list of plant species that are designated as noxious weeds, as that list may be amended from time to time, or as modified by the Board of County Commissioners as provided in Section 35-5.5-108(3), C.R.S.

III. Noxious Weed Management Strategies:

There are three (3) basic management strategies: prevention, eradication and control.

a) "Prevention" is the procedure utilized to keep previously uninfected areas from developing a problem. This would involve good stewardship and a strong prevention program.

b) "Eradication" is the complete removal of noxious weeds from an area.

c) "Control" is the management technique that is usually practiced, and involves the reduction of the noxious weed population in an area in such a manner that the intended use of the land can be achieved. It is anticipated that this particular strategy will be the primary focus of the County's management program.

An important component of this technique involves the education of appropriate individuals, such as County employees, soil conservation district personnel and private landowners in the identification of the desig-

nated plants. The local CSU Cooperative Extension Office has agreed to provide training programs and educational materials to assist in this facet of the overall program. Problem areas will be identified, mapped and then an appropriate management plan can be developed.

The implementation of this type of program will be developed within the framework of existing resources.

IV. Control of Noxious Weeds – Charges:

The control of noxious weeds on private lands shall be handled pursuant to the guidelines and procedures established under Section 35-5.5-109, C.R.S.

The control of noxious weeds on public lands shall be handled pursuant to the guidelines and procedures established under Section 35-5.5-110, C.R.S.

The control of noxious weeds on public rights of way shall be handled pursuant to Section 35-5.5-112, C.R.S.

V. Incorporation of Statute:

Title 35, Article 5.5, C.R.S., shall be made a part of this resolution and management plan, including definitions, duties, powers, limitations, rights, penalties, costs, charges and review. A copy of the statute is attached and is identified as "Attachment A."

VI. Amendment of Resolution:

This Resolution shall be automatically amended to conform with any legislative changes made to the "Colorado Noxious Weed Act" in the future. Any such changes made to Title 35, Article 5.5, C.R.S., by the legislature shall be noted by attaching a copy of the statute, as amended, as "Attachment A" as previously referenced above.

VII. Repeal of Previous Resolution:

Resolution 2001-07 is hereby repealed.