

CLARK COUNTY  
STAFF REPORT

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**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Environmental Services / Resource Enhancement & Permitting /  
Vegetation Management

**DATE:** February 19, 2013

**REQUEST:** Appoint new Noxious Weed Control Board members.

**CHECK ONE:**  Consent  Hearing  Chief Administrative Officer

**BACKGROUND:** The Noxious Weed Control Board consists of five voting members from five weed districts in the County, as defined in Clark County Code Title 7. Currently, seats from weed districts one (1) and five (5) are vacant. Following procedures outlined in RCW 17.10, Clark County recently requested applications to fill the vacancies in these two districts. Applications were received only for District Five.

The Noxious Weed Control Board recommends the Board of Commissioners appoint one new weed board member.


**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Clark County published a public notice announcing vacancies for the positions in The Columbian and Battle Ground Reflector during the weeks of January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A news release was also published on the Clark County website.

**BUDGET AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** Clark Count Noxious Weed Control Board members are volunteers. Meetings for the weed board will be held quarterly, and the staff time to coordinate these meetings is included in the approved 2013-2014 Environmental Services budget.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**  Yes (see Fiscal Impacts Attachment)  No

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Appoint Robert Melo to Noxious Weed Control District Five (5) for a period of two years, with the term expiring on December 31, 2014.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Please return the approved staff report to Environmental Services Administration.

  
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Kevin Tyler  
Division Manager

APPROVED:   
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CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

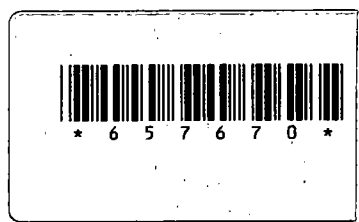
  
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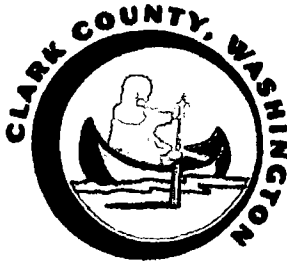
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c: Glenn Lebsack, Vegetation Management

Attachments: Map of Weed Districts, County News Release; Noxious Weed Control Board Application; February 4, 2013 Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board meeting minutes.





**CLARK COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD**

11104 NE 149<sup>th</sup> St., Building C-200, Brush Prairie, WA 98606  
360-397-6140

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JAN 31 2013

Weed Mgt.

**Application for Appointment**

Name Robert M. Melo

Telephone 360-852-7588 Email bg hayfarmer@msn.com

Resident Address 30212 NE Deer Dr Yacolt, WA 98675

Mailing Address, if different 22818 NE 92nd Ave Battle Ground, WA 98604

Are you engaged in the primary production of agricultural products?

Yes  No  If yes, please give a brief description of your agricultural production activity.

With my business C&M Hay Farm LLC, I produce hay, various grains and straw. Approximately 90% of the hay and straw I produce are certified noxious weed free. We farm approximately 1000 acres across Clark County.

Please give a brief description of your background and why you are interested in seeking appointment to the Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board (you may attach additional pages if necessary.)

I have been farming most of my life, and have also worked in the construction industry. In both business, I have either produced or utilized weed free products. As a producer of weed free

hay/straw I feel strongly about controlling noxious weeds in our county. I also raise beef & horses and controlling noxious weeds is important for that endeavour as well. I also want to be as knowledgeable

Provide signatures of at least ten (10) registered voters who reside within your weed control district (see attached boundary descriptions) in support of your application. as I can.

Please use the signature list attached to this form.

Any questions should be directed to Clark County Vegetation Management at 360-397-6410. Completed applications must be submitted to: Clark County Vegetation Management 11104 NE 149<sup>th</sup> St Brush Prairie WA 98606 before November 30, 2012 at 5 pm.

**Clark County  
Noxious Weed Control Board  
Regular Meeting**

February 4, 2013

Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board Office  
11104 NE 149<sup>th</sup> ST C-200  
Brush Prairie, WA 98606

**CCNWCB Members Present:** Kent Wright Dist 2, Bill Zimmerman 3, Jerry Kolke Dist 4, Charles Brun, County Extension Agent

**CCNWCB Members Absent:** None

**Quorum present**

**Guests and Public Present:** Rick Jayne of CPU

**Staff Present:** Kevin Tyler, Glenn Lebsack, Emelie McKain

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Minutes**

Glenn called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. The December 2012 minutes were reviewed.

**II. Board Elections**

Glenn opened nominations for Chair. Bill nominated Jerry, Kent seconded and Jerry accepted. Jerry nominated Bill for Vice Chair, Kent seconded, Bill accepted.

**III. Public Hearing**

Jerry opened the hearing at 1:45 pm. Seeing no one and hearing no comments the hearing was closed at 1:46 pm.

**IV. 2013 Clark County Noxious Weed List**

Glenn proposed to the Board to designate for control in Clark County bull thistle, Canada thistle, common tansy and fragrant waterlily from the class C list. Bull thistle and Canada thistle have historically been designated so the discussion centered on fragrant waterlily and common tansy. It was explained that the waterlily was present in the Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge and that we needed to be aware and to be able to require control, should it be discovered elsewhere. Common tansy is gaining a foothold in the Vancouver Lake lowlands and elsewhere in the County and designating it for control will require agencies to increase their control efforts. Policeman's helmet, currently a class B weed, is not in the County (that we know of yet) but is in surrounding Counties. It resembles a couple of our native plants in the area and could be overlooked. The change to a designated class B will increase awareness and require control if found. Bohemian, Himalayan and Japanese knotweed are currently listed as class B weeds. They are all present in the County and need to be designated as giant knotweed is currently a designated class B. After the discussion, Bill made a motion to adopt the 2013 Clark County Noxious Weed List as proposed, Kent second. Motion passed 3-0.

**V. Board Member Search**

Glenn reported that there was only one application (District 5) that came in during the announcement period closing January 31, 2013.





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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **BOARD OF CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

December 26, 2012

Contact: Mike Monfort, Clark County Vegetation Management, (360) 397-6140

#### **Volunteers needed to fill two Noxious Weed Control Board vacancies**

Vancouver, WA – The Board of County Commissioners is seeking applicants to serve on the volunteer Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board. Two positions will be open beginning in 2013.

People interested in serving must reside in the appropriate district. Board members in District 1 and 5 will serve two-year terms initially and then 4 year terms there after.

District 1 is bounded roughly by the East Fork Lewis River on the north, Northeast 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the east and the Columbia River on the south and west.

District 5 is bounded roughly by the Clark and Cowlitz county line on the north, Clark and Skamania county line on the east, East Fork Lewis River on the south and 172<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, or Range 3E line, on the west.

Applicants must submit an Application for Appointment Nomination and a Petition for Member to the Noxious Weed Board, 11104 NE 149<sup>th</sup> St. C-200, Brush Prairie, WA 98606. Deadline is 5 p.m. Jan. 31, 2013.

An application packet can be obtained by calling (360) 397-6140 or emailing [weed.board@clark.wa.gov](mailto:weed.board@clark.wa.gov). For questions, call Mike Monfort at (360) 397-6140.

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