

Weed Department Report
Weed Board Meeting
February 13th, 2025

- I will be attending the Utah Weed Control Association (UWCA) later this month. This years sessions include several that focus on Phragmites control. While we do have areas of significant phragmites stands along the San Juan River and in other areas we have not previously addressed this noxious weed to any meaningful extent. With this training I plan to formulate a plan to begin addressing this weed. In addition I plan to speak with the several agricultural drone spraying vendors about contracting their services in the future as part of our enforcement spraying.
- We have been allotted an additional \$10,000.00 this year to purchase additional herbicides to be used to spray non-compliant landowner properties as part of our increased enforcement efforts. I intend to purchase Milestone, Glyphosate and Quinstar as part of this effort.
- Grants have been delayed this year by the UDAF ISM grant program. They are in the process of implementing a new grant submittal service and an updated geospatial database program known as The Spatial Invasive Infestation and Priority Analysis 3 (SIIPA3). These new systems will require that I attend several online training sessions on the use of these programs. Grant submittal will likely not happen till late March.
- As I mentioned earlier I will be receiving some good info on phragmites control at an upcoming conference. With this info I plan to include phragmites as part of our ongoing San Juan River Project grant. With a plan for this additional weed I can justify additional funding on this grant submittal.
- I plan to finish spraying the West side of the airport near the highway this year. If our efforts from last year and this year are largely successful we will be able to maintain this property as a partner to Monticello city for a very minimal cost to either the county or the city.
- Further drafts of the new control letters will be submitted to the weed board by e-mail shortly. I encourage the board to review these letters and suggest any changes or additions. I will then submit the final drafts for consideration and acceptance by the board pending Mitch Maughan's approval.