

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WORKING FIELD TRIP TO OLYMPIA WELLFIELD  
AUGUST 20, 2016**

Chairman Brown convened the meeting at 8:35 AM. Participants included Director Baughman, Environmental Committee member Rick Moran, Director Ratcliffe and her mother, and consultant Suzanne Schettler. Bruce Holloway and Director Bruce arrived later.

After a brief introduction to the site, the group proceeded to tackle a monoculture of Portuguese Broom (*Cytisus striatus*) in a portion of the largest Priority 2 zone. The map of priority zones was included in the July draft of the Plan to Control Invasive Brooms and Acacia at the Olympia Wellfield, and has been substantially improved by Director Baughman's mapping skills after the passing of Rob Menzies.

The main purpose of the working field trip was to cut Portuguese Broom plants at about knee height as a temporary holding action until the formal weed control program can begin. The selected site is a small area adjacent to the single location at the Wellfield where one of the Sand Specialty plants occurs. Reducing the biomass of the plants will reduce the amount of seed produced in 2017 at this particular location - a modified "birth control" project.

Some ideas came up during the work session. Rick Moran suggested the District could generate income by charging visitors to participate in weed control projects, a local form of "eco-tourism". Director Bruce suggested the piles of cut Broom that are generated could be bundled in tarps and slid/dragged to sites where they can be either picked up by District staff and removed from the Wellfield or safely burned.

Approximately 300 plants of Portuguese Broom were cut. It seemed like more because this species does not have a central stem, or even 2 or 3; rather it has profuse and substantial side branches that were individually cut. After a snack break and photo op, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
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