

# Western Region Tribal Integrated Pest Management Work Group

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*The Work Group brings together Tribes and representatives from County, State, and Federal agencies to discuss pest issues.*

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**Action plan:** In 2013-2014, the work group will hold up to four meetings throughout Northern California. Participants are from tribal communities, research organizations, and government entities.



*Participants at the first meeting in Lake County heard an overview of sudden oak death and other forest pests.*

## Our mission

Protect tribal natural and cultural resources through mutual understanding

**Background:** This multi-tribal/multi-agency work group aims to enhance communication between tribes, researchers, and government entities on invasive pests that are negatively impacting shared natural resources. Many invasive species are damaging resources that are culturally relevant to tribes, resources that are a vital component of cultures and ways of life. Protecting these resources and ensuring their perpetuation is vital to the cultural integrity of our tribal communities. As government entities work



*Agency representatives also connect with one another to discuss shared interests.*

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Through these meetings, we hope to: obtain updated information on current invasive pests; expand understanding of what work is being done; evaluate past studies and management strategies; gain wider tribal participation in invasive species management in the western U.S.; and develop future potential projects and funding that will benefit all parties.

## Get involved!

If you are interested in attending an upcoming meeting, or getting involved in any way, please contact Nina Hapner with the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians or visit us online at <http://www.wrpmc.ucdavis.edu/TribalIPMworkgroup.html>



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