



Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee Agenda

October 10, 2012 9 am – 3 pm

Stephen F. Austin State Office Building, Board Room 170 (1st floor)
1700 N. Congress Ave, Austin Texas, 78701

Note: We will break for lunch around 11:30 am, reconvening at 12:15 pm. Numerous lunch options are available at the SFA cafeteria (TISCC meeting attendees get a 10%-off lunch discount), across the street at the Bullock Museum Cafe, and 1-2 blocks away (See attached graphic).

- I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes – Dr. David Villarreal
- II. New Business
 - a. Proposed TDA Invasive Plant List Addition
 - i. **Proposal to list Chinaberry** – Dr. Damon Waitt, Senior Director, UT Wildflower Center
 - ii. **Laws and Process of Adoption** – Dr. Awinash Bhatkar, Texas Department of Agriculture
 - iii. **Discussion and recommendation vote**
- III. Ongoing Projects, Updates, and Briefs
 1. **TPWD Update on Aquatic Invasives** – Dr. Earl Chilton and Kelly Bender, TPWD
 2. **Texas Invasive Plant and Pest Council Update** – Scott Walker, TIPPC President
 3. **USDA-APHIS Federal Noxious Weed Programs Update** – Justin Wall, USDA
 4. **Emerald Ash Borer** – Dr. Ron Billings, Texas A&M Forest Service
 5. **Arundo Project** - Sky Jones-Lewey , Nueces River Authority
 6. **Canadian River Invasives Control Project** - Gene T. Miller, National Wild Turkey Federation
 7. **Feral Hogs** - Jared Timmons, Texas AgriLife and Plum Creek Project
 8. **Zebra Mussels** - Amy Beussink, USGS Fort Worth
 9. **GIS Mapping and Invasive Species** – Jonathan P. Doherty, ESRI San Antonio
 10. **West Nile Virus** – Dr. Tom Sidwa, Texas Department of State Health Services
 11. **Biofuels and Invasives** - Dr. Travis Miller, Texas A&M, College Station
 12. Audience briefs and announcements on invasive species topics
 13. **Crazy Ant** – Dr. Shashank Nilakhe, TDA (*if time available*)
 14. **Citrus Greening Update** - Dr. Robert Crooker, TDA (*if time available*)
- IV. Adjournment as close to 3 pm as possible to avoid traffic

Please note: Parking for all is available on the top of Garage E as shown on the attached graphic. But you need to provide David Villarreal via email with the make, model, and license plate number of your vehicle to place on the “do-not-ticket” list provided to the Capitol Police.

All building guests should enter on the east side (on Congress Ave) to check in. Please remember to bring your state or federal employee ID, or driver’s license.

This is an audience-friendly event. Attendees are welcome to come and go as their schedule permits, as the topics interest them, and for traffic considerations as Committee members discuss these issues.