



Western Society of Weed Science Newsletter

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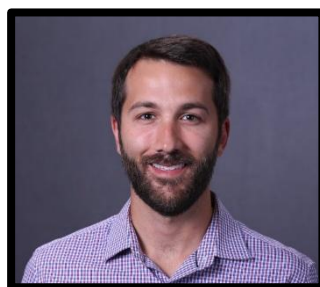
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President's Report



The Western Society of Weed Science annual meeting will be held March 2-5, 2026, in (hopefully) sunny and warm Tucson Arizona. The west is truly the best for meeting locations (among many other things), and this year will not disappoint! The Tucson Marriott University Park is located on the University of Arizona campus, which makes for easy access to restaurants as well

as the opportunity to see unique architecture around campus. Visiting campus during the summer board meeting made me question my choice of attending the University of Wyoming despite the predictably high temperatures of the Arizona summer.

The board of directors meeting will be held on Monday March 2 from 10 AM to 2 PM and is open to all WSWs members, please join us! This will be followed in the evening by the welcome reception and retirees' reception. I know of multiple people retiring in 2026 who have made significant contributions to WSWs, so this will be a great opportunity to celebrate their careers. If you know of someone who is retiring, please make Tim Prather (tprather@uidaho.edu) aware ASAP so recognition can be arranged.

One of the most rewarding events at WSWs from my perspective is the student night out. If you are hosting a group of students, I encourage you to make reservations well in advance to ensure you can reserve an option with ample capacity.

I am hopeful that the new title submission website is a meaningful improvement for both the membership and the program committee, please give your feedback on the experience as you see fit.

I look forward to seeing all of you in just over a month, safe travels!

Carl Coburn, WSWs President

WSWS Annual Meeting March 2 – 5, 2026, Tucson, Arizona

Program Highlights for the 79th Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Weed Science

The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Weed Science is just one month away. The Program Committee is wrapping up the 2026 program, and we are excited to see many of our long-time colleagues and to welcome new attendees in Tucson.

The abstract submission deadline is February 12, and the deadline for uploading oral presentations is February 27. If you have not yet registered for the meeting, please do so at your earliest convenience. Meeting registration, abstract submission, and presentation uploads will all take place through:

<https://event.fourwaves.com/wsws/pages>

Hotel registration will close on February 1. MLB spring training will be taking place during the annual meeting, and we have been advised that hotel availability in Tucson will be extremely limited. If you do not reserve a room at the conference hotel by February 1, it may be very difficult to find accommodations elsewhere in the area.

For the 2026 meeting, we have received 63 poster titles and 74 oral presentation titles. A symposium will be held Wednesday afternoon titled *The Pacific Northwest Herbicide Resistance Initiative: An Invitation to Collaborate*, organized by Olivia Landau, Albert Adjesiwor, and Nick Bergmann. Also on Wednesday a CAST discussion, *Integrated Management of Fire-Adapted Invasive Plants That Change Wildfire Regimes*, will take place led by Greg Dahl and Matt Baur.

The meeting will begin on Monday, March 2, with the opening Board of Directors Meeting from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Boardroom, followed by the WSWs Members Welcome Reception from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Tuesday, March 3, will begin with odd-numbered posters presented from 7:45 AM to 9:15 AM, followed by the General Session. Dr. Christopher R. Caseldine will deliver the keynote presentation, *Flows of Time: Ancestral O'Odham Irrigation and Broader Understanding of Ancient Irrigation*. Tuesday will also feature the second annual DEI Social Hour following the General Session. And a Student Luncheon will take place before oral presentations begin in the afternoon. The day will conclude with Student Reception.

Wednesday, March 4, will begin with even-numbered posters presented from 7:45 AM to 9:15 AM, followed by oral presentation sessions in the morning. The afternoon will feature additional oral presentations, the CAST Discussion, and the Symposium. The WSWs Awards Luncheon, *What's New in Industry*, and Student Night Out will all take place on Wednesday.

Thursday, March 5, will begin at 6:30 AM with the Business Breakfast, followed by the conclusion of oral presentations at 9:15 AM, and the concluding Board of Directors Meeting from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

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Student Liaison Report – Weston Maughan

We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting in a few weeks!

Every year, as part of the annual meeting, we host a silent auction with all proceeds going towards the *Elena Sanchez Memorial WSSWS Outstanding Student Scholarship*. This scholarship was established to promote student participation in our annual meetings, and I encourage everyone to consider donating to this auction in support of this scholarship and for the benefit of our outstanding undergraduate and graduate students.

Thank you for all you do! Student engagement has always been a priority for the Society, and our student programs could not be as successful as they are without everyone's support!

To the students, we encourage you to look for opportunities to serve in the Society. There are several committees who are looking for student involvement. If you have any questions, please reach to us, either by email or at the annual meeting and we would be happy to connect you with the committee chairs.

Again, we look forward to see you all at the annual meeting and wish you the best of luck in your presentation preparations.

Sincerely,

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Reminder to Committee Chairs and WSSWS Officers

Please review the section(s) of the Operating Procedures specific to your office/committee and let me know if it is correct, needs edits or is vague and confusing. If the Operating Guide needs edits or is vague and confusing - I will work with you to improve the language. My contact information is:

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Thank you,

Sandra McDonald
WSSWS Operating Procedures Representative 2023-2028

CAST NEWS

The Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) and WSWS will host a Discussion Session.

Check out the Discussion Topic from CAST and WSWS on Wednesday at the WSWS Meeting!

Come to the Discussion Session about Fire-Adapted Invasive Weeds that change wildfire regimes. CAST is publishing an Issue Paper on this topic in 2026. Matt Baur, Director, Western Integrated Pest Management Center and several other WSWS members including members of the WSWS Invasive Species committee, and others authored or contributed to this paper. He and certain other authors will discuss this critical issue with us.

Greg Dahl

CAST Representative – Western Society of Weed Science

Publications Available from the WSWS

The following books or DVDs can be purchased from the WSWS:

- Aquatic and Riparian Weeds of the West
- Weeds of California and Other Western States
- Interactive Encyclopedia of North American Weeds DVD
- Weed Bingo

All publications can be ordered online at

<https://wsweedsociety.org/store/#!form/Store>.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Weed Science Society of America Annual Meeting

February 9 -12, 2026

Raleigh, North Carolina

www.wssa.net

Western Society of Weed Science Annual Meeting

March. 2-5, 2026

Tucson, Arizona

www.wsweedscience.org

Aquatic Plant Management Society Annual Meeting

July 13 – 16, 2026

Phoenix, Arizona

www.apms.org

Canadian Weed Science Society Annual Meeting

November 23 – 26, 2026

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

www.weedscience.ca

North Central Weed Science Society
and

Northeastern Weed Science Society

Joint Annual Meeting

December 7 – 10, 2026

Columbus, Ohio

www.ncwss.org

www.newss.org

Southern Weed Science Society Annual Meeting

January 25 - 28, 2027

Corpus Christi, Texas

WWW.SWSS.WS

15th Annual Western Invasive Weed Short Course



The 15th Annual Western Invasive Weed Short Course will be held April 20-23, 2026 at the Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch in Loveland, Colorado.

Registration (\$850.00 by March 9, 2026; \$950.00 on March 9, 2026) includes educational program and daily refreshment breaks. Three lunches and three dinners are also included in the registration. Registration is open. Visit http://www.mountainwestpest.com/Past_Courses.php to learn more.

The continued partnership with the [Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch](#) allows us to provide some unique training opportunities. One of the truly unique features of the Short Course is the ability to have a long-term restoration plot. Sylvan Dale has worked with us to establish a fenced site where we have been able to demonstrate weed management combined with native grass establishment. A twilight weed walk on the first night is a great way to see the ranch and start learning some weeds.

The WIWSC is an intensive study of current technologies and best management practices associated with noxious and invasive weeds in the western United States. Participants gain up-to-date knowledge specific to invasive weed management with interactive sessions.



The WIWSC will include sessions on:

- Weed Management
- Live weeds
- Herbicides
- Weed Identification
- Other topics to be identified by the participants
- Time for individual interaction with instructors

Our target participants are local, state, federal government, and other land managers throughout the western region desiring a better understanding of weed management. WIWSC is designed to benefit both those new to invasive plant management and experienced professionals seeking a comprehensive update in western invasive weeds and their management.

The WIWSC instructors are members of the [Western Society of Weed Science](#).

Please contact Sandra McDonald, Course Coordinator, for additional information at 970-266-9573 or Sandra@MountainWestPest.com



WASHINGTON REPORT

January 23, 2026

Lee Van Wychen

Government Shut Down Over

The longest government shutdown in U.S. history ended on November 12 after 43 days. The Senate voted 60 to 40 on November 10, followed by a 222 to 209 House vote on November 12, to reopen the federal government. The agreement includes three full-year (FY) 2026 appropriations bills covering Agriculture, Veterans Affairs, and Legislative Branch operations, also known as a “minibus”. The agreement also contains a one-year Farm Bill extension keeping research, conservation, and market programs running through 2026. This is the 3rd extension of the 2018 Farm Bill. As a sidenote, the USDA NIFA RFA submission process remained open, but many deadlines were delayed. NIFA is currently in the process of constructing review panels, which will all be remote this year. The new NIFA name for Request for Applications (RFA) is Notice of Funding Opportunity (FOMO). Scientific panels will review proposals first, followed by a political review.

Federal Advisory Committee Charters Expire

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) charters for both the EPA Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) and the National Invasive Species Committee (NISC) Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) lapsed during the shutdown. It is likely that the PPDC charter will be reauthorized first, but with a smaller membership and scope.

Ag Research Funding Remain Steady

The final FY 2026 appropriations bill for agriculture that funds USDA through September 30, 2026 was generally good news for ag research and extension programs, where level funding is considered a victory in the current budget conditions. USDA-ARS funding increased by \$5 million, while USDA-NIFA funding decreased \$10 million with most of that decrease coming from the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) competitive grants program. The best explanation for these differences between USDA-ARS and NIFA-AFRI is that members of Congress have tended to support ARS labs in their district where they know the money can be “Congressionally directed”. This is compared to NIFA-AFRI competitive grants, which Congress supports in general due to the competitive aspect, but lacks any true champions on the Hill because no one knows where the grants will be awarded until later. Regardless, the NIFA AFRI grants program funding in FY 2010 was \$262 million and grew every year up until FY 2023 when it reached \$455 million. As the largest line item in the NIFA budget at \$445 million in FY 2025, AFRI was an easy target for appropriators to cut \$10 million and move it elsewhere in the USDA budget.

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
	----- \$ Millions -----			
USDA- ARS	1,744	1,788	1,788	1,793
USDA- NIFA - total	1,701	1,679	1,687	1,677
Research & Education Activities				
Hatch Act: Ag Experiment Stations	259	259	265	265
Ag & Food Research Initiative (AFRI)	455	445	445	435
IR-4: Minor crop use program	15	15	15	15
Extension Activities				
Smith-Lever 3(b) and 3(c): Extension	325	325	325	325
Integrated Activities				
Crop Protection & Pest Management	21	21	21	21

Appropriations for USDA-ARS and USDA-NIFA Research, Extension and Integrated programs for Fiscal Years (FY) 2023 through 2026.

WSSA and NAICC Tour of ESA and IPM Issues in NC & VA on Sept. 23-24

WSSA and the National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants (NAICC) converged in Richmond, VA on September 22 to host a guided tour in VA and NC with special emphasis on the Endangered Species Act (ESA) along with IPM practices. This was our second event of this type cohosting with the NAICC. In 2024, WSSA and NAICC cohosted a tour on ESA issues for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) staff in Wisconsin.

The tours took place on September 23–24, 2025. On the first day, stops included Cedar Point Farms in Wakefield, VA, Tidewater Agronomics Research Farm in Belvedere, NC, and a peanut harvest on Lassiter Farms near Jackson, NC. After an overnight stay in Roanoke Rapids, NC, we toured Fisher Family Partnership in Whitakers, NC, where we saw tobacco and sweet potatoes and finished the tour at Mush Island Farms in Weldon, NC.

Tour participants included scientists and professionals from EPA, FWS, and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Representatives from WSSA included President Hilary Sandler; Bill Chism, Regulatory Consultant and ESA Committee Chair; Mark VanGessel, EPA Liaison; Lee Van Wychen, Executive Director of Science Policy; and Science Policy Fellows, Aleah Butler-Jones from Cornell and Cole Woolard from Texas Tech.

Virginia Tech and North Carolina State University Extension Specialists gave great presentations on a host of weed and pest management challenges. Other stakeholder groups participating in the tour included the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, North Carolina Peanut Growers and the North Carolina Cotton Growers.



From L to R: WSSA Tour Participants: Cole Woolard, Hilary Sandler, Lee Van Wychen, Aleah Butler-Jones, Mark VanGessel, and Bill Chism



Photo Caption: A stop at Tidewater Agronomic Research Farms in Belvedere, NC, managed by Stan and Matt Winslow. We had 32 participants on the tour including nine from EPA, five from USFWS and 3 from NMPS. Stan Winslow (sunhat and white shirt on top right) discusses crop scouting and the info they provide to growers. We also had Dr. Dominic Resig from NC State discuss field edge infesting insects like stinkbugs. They tend to be more prevalent along field edges to avoid treatment.



Photo Caption: A hands on lesson sweeping insects at Tidewater Agronomics Research Farm and determining pests vs beneficials.



Photo Caption: A peanut harvest near Jackson, NC on Lassiter Farms. It was the first time for many of us on the tour witnessed a peanut harvest, which is a very dusty affair!



Photo Caption: Stanley Culpepper (far right) and Charlie Cahoon (just out of the picture) addressed weed management and big picture issues in farming that will impact ESA implementation. It was an excellent discussion. This was at Mush Island Farms in Weldon, NC that was managed by Ellis Taylor. He was a top-notch farmer who worked hard to manage both the economics and conservation efforts on his farm. At the other end of this field is the Roanoke River, which is a Pesticide Use Limitation Area (PULA) for the Atlantic Sturgeon, an endangered species listed in 2012.

The tour participants observed cotton, peanut, and tobacco crops along with associated conservation and crop protection practices. Experts discussed the benefits of cover crops, the process of adding them to a farm management program, and the challenges and limitations that they may pose. Speakers also highlighted the role that IPM plays in the ability to reduce pesticide use, improve soil health, reduce water runoff and improve biodiversity.

Despite the challenges ahead, connecting farmers, researchers and federal regulators during the tour was a tremendous benefit. It fostered meaningful individual and group interactions and everyone left with a greater understanding on how we must collaborate to provide food for the world profitably while protecting the environment for future generations. Plans are already underway to have another tour in 2026, location TBD. A special shoutout to our NAICC colleagues who were instrumental in pulling off the event; they were a fantastic group to work with!

USDA Reorganization Proposal Moves Forward

Last August, USDA issued a **memorandum** on a reorganization proposal. Specifically, it “authorizes and directs the actions necessary to effectuate the consolidation, unification, and optimization of functions within the USDA to achieve improved effectiveness and accountability, enhanced services, reduced bureaucracy and cost savings for the American people.” At the heart of the proposal is relocating USDA employees out of the national Capitol region to five regional hubs. These are **Raleigh, NC; Indianapolis, IN; Kansas City, MO; Fort Collins, CO; and Salt Lake City, UT**. USDA received over 14,000 comments on the proposal and approximately 80 percent of those were negative.

The national and regional weed science societies expressed opposition to any proposal that would result in the closure or downsizing of any USDA-ARS labs. **Read the letter here.** One major concern is the proposed closure of USDA-ARS Beltsville, which they said would occur over several years. However, its fate is uncertain. In mid-January 2026, USDA said the movement of some of its employees to the five regional hubs will take place between the end of this school year and the beginning of the next. Right after the holiday break, USDA signed memorandums authorizing entry into leases for facilities at the regional hubs. USDA stated that the facilities are already government owned or government leased and that they just happen to be unoccupied or underused.

Weed Science Societies Submit Comments on USDA-ARS Draft Biocontrol Roadmap

The draft Biocontrol and Bio-Based Tools Research Roadmap presents a good first step toward the development and adoption of biocontrol and other bio-based strategies in agricultural production under a shared vision for sustainable pest, weed, and disease management. Its long-term impact, however, will depend on how effectively these concepts are translated into coordinated research, practical applications, and measurable outcomes for growers. The document could be improved by clearly articulating how biocontrol and other bio-based strategies could be integrated across different production systems or describing the barriers preventing its integration. USDA-ARS posed five questions for comment. The Weed Science Societies comments can be read **here**.

USDA Launches Regenerative Ag Pilot Program

One the recommendations of the **MAHA Report**, released in Sep. 2025 was for USDA and EPA to “promote and incentivize farming solutions in partnership with the private sector that focus on soil health and stewardship of the land”. In December, USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins, Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz announced a **\$700 million Regenerative Pilot Program** that aims “to help American farmers adopt practices that improve soil health, enhance water quality, and boost long-term productivity, all while strengthening America’s food and fiber supply.” For FY 2026, USDA is dedicating \$400 million through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and \$300 million through the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) to fund the first year of regenerative agriculture projects.

In a press release following the announcement, WSSA supported the program, but stressed the importance of why weed science research and management will be needed for the success of the pilot program. While individuals have not yet been named to the pilot program’s 15-member advisory council, I stated that at least one member should have weed science expertise. I also stated that we’d like to see a clear definition of agricultural regeneration for this program, based on science.

EPA Releases Much Improved Version of the PALM App for Determining Runoff and Drift Mitigations

The EPA has released a mobile-friendly calculator designed to help pesticide applicators determine and document ESA label mitigations. The tool, called the Pesticide App for Label Mitigations (PALM), guides users through the same mitigation “menu” found on EPA labels and bulletins, then generates a field-level summary that can be saved or printed for records.

PALM is intended for use at the field or management-unit level and mirrors EPA's mitigation tables without requiring applicators to manually sort through them. After answering a series of questions, users receive the required spray-drift buffer distance or the number of runoff and erosion mitigation points, along with a list of practices that qualify.

Spray Drift Buffer Calculator

This sequence helps determine whether a buffer is required and what reduction options are available under the label. Users are asked if the product label references the EPA mitigation menu. If so, they enter the product and crop information, application type, boom height, droplet size, drift-reducing agents in the tank mix and whether managed areas exist downwind. The output is the buffer distance and any allowable reductions.

Runoff and Erosion Mitigation Calculator

This sequence calculates how many mitigation points are needed for a field or management unit and which practices can fulfill them. The EPA defines a management unit as a single, contiguous piece of land managed as one unit for a crop, which can be subdivided by crop type or by unique field features.

The runoff and erosion flow begins by identifying the field, product and crop. It screens for cases where mitigation points are not required, such as spot treatments covering fewer than 1,000 square feet or when a qualifying "managed area" exists within 1,000 feet down-gradient.

Examples of managed areas include agricultural fields, pastures, vegetated filter strips, grassed waterways, hedgerows, riparian zones, private forests, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres and Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) acres. Contained irrigation water sources, retention ponds and other runoff structures also qualify.

If mitigation is required, PALM walks users through a 12-step process to document label targets. Applicators input county and state information, slope and soil type, tillage and cover crop use, and conservation practices such as terraces, waterways and filter devices. Points are awarded for practices across three categories: in-field, field-adjacent and systems that capture runoff. Additional points are given for using less than the maximum labeled rate of a pesticide. A final summary lists total points and the practices credited.

Both calculators end with a printable summary of answers and results for record keeping. EPA emphasizes that PALM is an aid for planning and documentation, not a substitute for following label directions or state regulations. Applicators are still responsible for meeting all requirements. The tool is available at: **www.epa.gov/pesticides/pesticide-app-label-mitigations**

Please Visit the WSSA Endangered Species Act Webpage

<https://wssa.net/endangered-species/>. There is a lot of excellent summaries on EPA's Herbicide Strategy, Insecticide Strategy, Bulletins Live Two, and an Introduction to Pesticide Registration and the Endangered Species Act and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

Science Policy Fellows Visit DC – Discuss Many Weed Science Issues

On November 12-14, WSSA Science Policy Fellows Aleah Butler-Jones from Cornell and Cole Woolard from Texas Tech visited the nation's Capital to meet with their Senators and Congressmen from their home state. We also had a lengthy discussion with House Agriculture Committee staff on a number of topics including the availability of DJI drones for use in site-specific weed management.

As of December 2025, DJI drones aren't fully banned in the U.S., but a potential ban looms, with a December 23, 2025, deadline for a mandated security audit under the 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that, if missed, triggers an automatic addition to the FCC's "Covered List," blocking new imports and future software/network access due to national security concerns over Chinese ties.

Our main focus points for the state visits were on funding for the Crop Protection and Pest Management (CPPM) program and the IR-4 program, including the capacity funding for Smith Lever 3(b) and 3(c) and the Hatch Act programs. As noted above in the FY 2026 agriculture appropriations, we were happy to see all of those programs maintain level funding, especially in the current budget conditions.

Our visits also included meeting new science and government affairs staff at CropLife America as well as a meeting with the National Cotton Council of America and Cotton Incorporated. One of the issues we discussed was the support for uniform federal pesticide labeling under **FIFRA Section 24(b)**, which the six national and regional weed science societies support. The **Agricultural Labeling Uniformity Act** reaffirms that only the EPA can set pesticide labeling and packaging requirements, preventing states from imposing conflicting rules. Recent actions in some states contradict EPA-approved pesticide labels, which creates regulatory inconsistency, disrupts commerce, and undermines public confidence in federal science-based regulation.



At the same time, we support state's rights to regulate pesticides under FIFRA Section 24(a) and 24(c). **FIFRA Section 24(a)** says that states can add their own rules for selling or using pesticides, as long as they don't contradict FIFRA. **FIFRA Section 24(c)** allows states to register a pesticide for a new use or a new product to solve a "special local need" not covered federally, but it requires EPA review and approval and is only for use within that state.

Finally, we met with several staff members from the House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, including the new Professional Staff member overseeing funding for the \$10

billion US Army Corp of Engineers Civil Works (USACE-CW) program. We focused specifically on funding for the USACE-CW Aquatic Plant Control program. The program has received \$5 to \$7 million annually between 2018 to 2024, but did not receive any funding in FY 2025 because Congress did not pass an appropriations bill, nor did the USACE-CW include it in their budget plan. We highlighted the fact that the USACE-CW Aquatic Plant Control program is the nation's only federally authorized program for research and development of effective, science-based strategies to manage invasive aquatic weeds and discussed the **letter** supported by 11 organizations, including WSSA and APMS, highlighting the importance of the program.

US Army Corp of Engineers Aquatic Plant Control Funding- Great News!

As I write this, the Energy and Water appropriations bill for FY 2026 was just signed into law and we received great news. Compared to **zero funding** for the USACE aquatic plant control program in FY 2025, the following appropriations were made for FY 2026:

- Up to \$3,000,000 shall be for activities related to monitoring, surveying, and control of hydrilla verticillata and flowering rush;
- Up to \$7,500,000 shall be to address infestations of hydrilla in Lake Champlain and the Connecticut River Basins;
- Up to \$2,500,000 shall be for nationwide research and development to address aquatic invasive plants, within which the Corps is encouraged to support cost-shared aquatic plant management programs.
- Within available funds, the Corps is encouraged to partner with Reclamation in developing effective removal methods for water stargrass in the **Yakima Basin**. The Corps is encouraged to enter into a cost-share agreement with the State and local partners to manage and treat infestations of hydrilla broadly in the region.
- The agreement provides \$1,000,000 for the Corps to establish a pilot program to remove invasive plant species in riparian areas that contribute to drought conditions in **the Lower Colorado River Basin, the Rio Grande River Basin, the Texas Gulf Coast Basin, and the Arkansas-White-Red Basin**, per section 8305 of WRDA 2022.

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2025 Membership Renewal Form

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Western Society of Weed Science Objectives

- ❖ To foster and encourage education and research in weed science.
- ❖ To foster cooperation among state, federal and private agencies in matters of weed science.
- ❖ To aid and support commercial, private and public agencies in the solution of weed problems.
- ❖ To support legislation governing weed control programs and weed research and education programs.
- ❖ To support the Weed Science Society of America and foster state and regional organizations and agencies interested in weed control.