



**San Diego River Watershed Invasive Plant Program
Permission Agreement: Lakeside Residents**

In partnership with the San Diego River Conservancy (SDRC), Lakeside's River Park Conservancy (LRPC) is working to control the spread of invasive, non-native plant species in San Diego County including the Los Coches Creek and other Lakeside water courses. SDRC and LRPC would like your permission to control weeds such as giant reed (*Arundo donax*), pampas grass (*Cortaderia selloana*) and other targeted invasive plants on your property. These plants may contribute to flood damage, increase the risks associated with fire, degrade native habitat, and contain seeds, which are noxious to pets. Weeds spread aggressively and potentially onto neighboring properties. Landowners in our community have requested assistance in managing these plants due to the high cost of controlling and permitting. SDRC and LRPC are providing this service at no cost to property owners. Please help us maintain natural resource values in San Diego County by granting permission to remove these harmful weeds plants.

The SDRC, and LRPC as its' contractor, will typically treat these plants by applying glyphosated-based herbicides, (similar to a product like Roundup) which are certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for use in and around wetlands. SDRC or LRPC will contract with a licensed and insured vegetation management crew to carry out the application, beginning in the fall of 2013. Plants will be left standing for 2-3 months to allow herbicide to fully treat the roots. In some circumstances, treated invasive plants will be reduced to ground level and removed. Any re-sprouted invasives plants will be re-treated when necessary. Native plants may also be installed on a case-by-case basis to re-vegetate the site following treatment of weeds. The cost of the initial treatments, re-treatments, biomass reduction and any re-planting will be the responsibility of SDRC and the LRPC.

SDRC has obtained all necessary permits and approvals for treatments from the Army Corps of Engineers, California Department of Fish and Game, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Reasonable precautions will be exercised by SDRC and its contractors to avoid damage to persons and property. SDRC, LRPC and program funders (The Wildlife Conservation Board among others) are not responsible for any erosion, flood, or fire damage occurring in or around treated plants before or after treatment. Creek crossing maintenance and function, particularly un-permitted structures, remain the responsibility of the property owner.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation on this important project.

I, _____ agree to allow the San Diego River Conservancy or its contractors including Lakeside's River Park Conservancy right of entry

(Property Owners Name)

to control invasive plants located on my property at:

(Street Address, City and APN (Assessors Parcel Number))

for ten years. SDRC, LRPC and the funding organizations are not responsible for any creek erosion, fire or flood damage that may occur either before or after the treatment of my property.

Property Owner Signature

Date

Phone Number

Email Address

Property Owner Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

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Please send signed slip to above address.

OFFICE USE ONLY

**PROJECT AREA:
APN:**

**MAP ID#:
EXP. DATE:**