



## CWMA Newsletter March 4, 2011

### Executive Director's Corner

With this inaugural issue of the new electronic newsletter CWMA members can expect to receive regular monthly or bimonthly news from their professional association. We will continue to send out special alerts as needed but this eNewsletter is going to be our primary membership communication tool. If you have ideas and suggestions be sure to send them to Holly Postmus or to me at [info@cwma.org](mailto:info@cwma.org). Be sure to register for the Spring Training School before March 17th to get the best deals, check the online job postings regularly for posted positions, and don't forget to renew your membership for 2011.

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### Renew Your Membership!

It is time to renew your Membership for 2011. You can renew your membership online (using a credit card) and receive an immediate receipt or you can download and print a paper renewal form. If you renew a group membership online don't forget to send an email to

### Welcome to the twenty first century!

This is the formal launching of the CWMA Newsletter in an electronic format. We all liked the crisp and well designed paper version that past editors crafted, but in tough economic times, sacrifices have to be made. Not only is CWMA saving money but we're joining the green revolution in saving trees and reducing our carbon footprint. The Newsletter Committee would like to hear your suggestions and comments, and are actively soliciting authors for future articles. Guidelines are generally limited to 300 words but lengthier content will be considered. We hope you enjoy our first edition!



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### President's Column: "It is Time to Make a Difference"

It is a new year and CWMA's plans to enhance our statewide noxious weed program are unfolding. Peak Resources, our lobbyists, are writing weed-free gravel legislation that was spawned late last summer when a mining business in Mesa County almost lost a federal road-building contract where certified weed-free gravel was required. A temporary fix was created with CWMA's help but our bill, which will resemble the Weed-free Hay, Forage, and Mulch Act, will provide a permanent cure for this commercial opportunity for Colorado businesses. Peak Resources also is pursuing legislation to strengthen the enforcement aspects of our state noxious weed law as suggested by many of our members and requested by county commissioners.



The Healthy Habitats Coalition advocacy week is fast

[info@cwma.org](mailto:info@cwma.org) listing the names and contact information (including email) of everyone in your group. Renewal forms were mailed to all 2010 members.

[Renew Now!](#)

## Online Store

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approaching - March 14-17 - in Washington, D.C. We will introduce our "5 Asks" to Congress and key personnel in federal agencies where we are pursuing pass-through funds to states to enhance invasive species programs, recommending regional approaches to solving invasive species problems and regional advertising campaigns to raise the level of awareness and concern within the general public. CWMA also is working with the Colorado Department of Natural Resources at the request of Director Mike King to help them create invasive weed management plans that will be implemented in 2011 and beyond by their land management agencies.

CWMA has come a long way over the past 25 years. The noxious weed situation has improved in our state but much more must be accomplished before our statewide noxious weed program can be identified as one of the successful examples. The New Year provides us with the opportunity to roll our sleeves up and make a difference!

## NPDES - The Straight Facts

**What is NPDES?** The National Pollution Discharge Elimination System is an EPA permitting program, authorized by the Clean Water Act, regulating the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the US. For a summary, go to: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes>



**Why should I be concerned about NPDES?** Because of a federal court decision, pesticides applied to, over or near the waters of the US are now considered point source pollutants regulated by EPA. As of April 15, pesticide applicators making such applications in Colorado will be required to have a Pesticides General Permit (PGP) issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE). "Surface waters of Colorado" is more broadly defined than "waters of the U.S." Generally, all water bodies and courses-even intermittent ones-are considered "surface waters of Colorado".

### **Which types of applications will require a permit?**

Mosquito and other flying insects, aquatic weed and algae control, aquatic nuisance animal control, and forestry canopy pest control.

**What about agricultural sites?** Areas excluded from EPA's permit include irrigation return flow from agriculture, off-target drift, and agricultural storm water runoff.

**How do I get a permit?** CDPHE requires applicators to file a Certificate of Compliance to be covered by the state permit. The certificate will be completed online and can be printed out so you can carry it with you (highly recommended!). The permit will last for 2 years, initially; when renewed, it will be good for 5 years.

**Where do I get more information?** To view the current Colorado draft permit (43 pages), a fact sheet (3 pages) and an appendix (the EPA draft permit) [click here](#). For an overview from EPA, [click here](#).

Hundreds of letters and emails from CWMA members were received by CDPHE. We made a difference! Due to these comments, CDPHE decided to release the permit by March 1 so applicators will be able to make early spring applications.

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## CWMA 2011 Spring Training Conference

**April 5-6, 2011**  
**Hilton Fort Collins, Fort Collins, CO**  
**([www.hiltonfortcollins.com](http://www.hiltonfortcollins.com))**

The 2011 CWMA Spring Training School will be held again in Fort Collins on April 5th and 6th. Kevin Gallagher, Spring Training School Committee Chairman, has put together a great agenda including 2 full days of general sessions, with no concurrent sessions. We are maximizing on the opportunity to offer as many CEC's as possible. There is a last minute change to our agenda by beginning the conference with a Keynote Speaker from RISE. (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment) They will give us some insight on the effort they put into legislative issues at a national level in Washington D.C. The conference will also continue the tradition of providing time to visit with exhibitors so that attendees can gain firsthand information about products and services specific to our industry!

Visit [www.cwma.org](http://www.cwma.org) for detailed conference information:

- Conference brochure listing conference topics and tentative CEC's;
- On-line conference registration - early registration with discounted fee ends March 17, 2011;
- Lodging and reservation information - to ensure receiving the CWMA discounted group rate, hotel reservations need to be made by March 17, 2011!

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