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Introducing the **TEXAS** ARUNDO ALLIANCE



Background:

Over the past two Texas Aquatic Plant Management Society (TAPMS) annual meetings, there has been a wealth of knowledge and experience in discussions around Arundo management. Many have tried various techniques, yet outside of occasional presentations, there hasn't been enough collaboration and sharing of what's working and what's not. This gap in communication may be detrimental to finding more effective solutions.

In response, TAPMS is excited to announce the creation of the Texas Arundo Alliance! Inspired by successful initiatives like the Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative and the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, the goal of this new effort is to foster community, enhance information exchange, and promote collaboration among Arundo management professionals.

Beneficiaries:

Participation is open anyone interested in Arundo management. This includes a mix of government and nonprofit staff, herbicide applicators, representatives from herbicide companies, and academics. The aim is to create a shared space where we can all benefit from each other's expertise.

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Proposed First-Year Goals:

- **Online Directory** – A searchable directory of members, including contact info and areas of Arundo expertise, to facilitate easier collaboration and networking
- **Annual Meeting** – An informal annual gathering, with the first likely held at the TAPMS conference (but open to alternative venues).
- **Communication Platform** – Establish an email list or another forum for members to share insights, discuss challenges, and exchange best practices.
- **Experience Exchange** – Share successes, challenges, and insights on different management techniques, including herbicide mixtures, manual removal, prescribed burning, biocontrol, and integrated approaches.

Possible Future Goals:

- **Research Collaboration** – Identify priority research needs and foster collaborations to address them.
- **Gap Analysis** – Discuss existing management gaps and how we might collectively work to fill them.

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Inaugural Meeting Details:

We're excited to announce that the first Texas Arundo Alliance meeting will take place at the upcoming TAPMS Annual Meeting!

Admission to the Texas Arundo Alliance's inaugural meeting is included with the Texas Aquatic Plant Management Society's tour of the Headwaters at the Comal.

To attend, please follow the link to register!. [Click here for details.](#)

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to get involved, please reach out to:

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Let's work together to advance Arundo management in Texas!

When: November 12, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Where: The Headwaters at the Comal.

Register to attend inaugural this meeting today!

TAPMS Registration provides admission to the entire Annual Meeting, Tour and TAA.

Select "Tour Only/TAA" to attend the Texas Arundo Alliance only.



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