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MEMORANDUM

TO: Planners, GMAC
FROM: Teresa Beddoe, Planner I
DATE: February 9, 2007
SUBJECT: Gualala Town Plan Landscaping Species List

Please be advised that members of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) including Lori Hubbart, Chapter President, Clare Golec, Teresa Sholars, and Peter Warner have reviewed the Plant Landscaping List of the Gualala Town Plan (County of Mendocino Coastal Element Section 4.14 – Gualala Town Plan Chapter 6, Appendix B), and have found that the following plants should **not** be on the recommended landscaping list, due to the fact that the plants are known non-native invasive plants:

<i>Acacia verticillata</i>	acacia
<i>Arctotheca calendula</i>	cape weed
<i>Calluna</i> spp.	Scotch heather ¹
<i>Cotoneaster lacteus</i>	cotoneaster
<i>Cotoneaster</i> spp.	cotoneaster
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	hawthorne
<i>Echium fastuosum</i>	pride of Madiera
<i>Erica caniculata</i>	heath (all <i>Erica</i> spp. are suspect)
<i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i> ²	Mexican daisy
<i>Erodium</i> spp.	cranesbill
<i>Eucalyptus cinerea</i>	eucalyptus ³
<i>Eucalyptus ficifolia</i>	red flowering gum ⁴
<i>Eucalyptus nicholii</i>	Nichol's willow leafed peppermint
<i>Geranium</i> spp.	cranesbill
<i>Hedera helix</i>	English ivy
<i>Helichrysum petiolare</i>	strawflower
<i>Lampranthus</i> spp.	iceplant
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	honeysuckle ⁵
<i>Lupinus arboreus</i>	yellow bush lupine ⁶

¹ *Calluna vulgaris* is weedy.

² Misspelled as “*Erigeron karvinskiana*” in the Gualala landscaping list.

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⁵ A potential riparian and wetland invader in mild climates.

<i>Myoporum laetum</i>	ngaio tree
<i>Pittosporum</i> spp.	pittosporum
<i>Prunus cerasifera</i>	cherry plum
<i>Schinus molle</i>	California pepper tree
<i>Schinus terebinthifolia</i>	Brazilian pepper

When reviewing proposed landscaping in the Gualala Town Plan Areas and other areas of the County, please be sure to check and make sure that the above-mentioned species are **not** included in the landscaping list.

Lori Hubbart includes the recommended CNPS list of local native plants for landscaping (attached). Her comments regarding the CNPS list are as follows:

Included here is the CNPS list of local native plants for landscaping. CNPS particularly recommends local *Ceanothus* (Ca lilac or blueblossom) cultivars such as:

- C. foliosus x griseus* ‘Joan Mirov’ and ‘Centennial’ (natural hybrids – Sonoma coast)
- C. griseus* ‘Kurt Zadnik’ (Sonoma coast)
- C. gloriosus* several local cultivars

People often want ground cover plants, so CNPS recommends low, spreading forms of *Ceanothus* (*C. gloriosus* and *C. griseus* cultivars), low manzanitas like *Arctostaphylos* ‘Emerald Carpet,’ and low forms of coyote bush (*Baccharis pilularis*). For sunny areas with water CNPS recommends coast strawberry (*Fragaria chiloensis*) or dune knotweed (*Polygonum paronychia*). Ground covers for shade: Redwood sorrel (*Oxalis oregana*), woodland strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*) or wild ginger (*Asarum caudatum*).

This policy statement has been reviewed and approved by:

Date

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Chief Planner

⁶ Native only as far north as SF Bay Area, and a problem in coastal areas north of Pt. Reyes.