

Overview of CISMA meeting August 27, 2009
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- Sherry Williams briefed the audience (mainly Wendy Andrew) about CISMAs, our CISWG and recent goings on.
- We all introduced ourselves around the table
- Sherry then followed the Agenda points, skipping around a little as needed as follows
- Agenda of October 6 meeting: speakers (FL Yards and Neighbors, Deb Shelley on Wekiva River invasive history, reminder we need committee membership volunteers, FISP WebEx overview to be given, Workshops and Workdays to be announced, remind folks we are looking to detect several species early and map them using EDDmaps.
- Still working on questions of our role with Pet Amnesty Days. Chris will contact up the TNC line to get info from other CISMAs.
- GIS—we have Orange County private lands mapped; Sherry will look into Seminole county resources. I will here suggest we look into adjacent county areas that are strategic to resources and partners we consider high priority projects.
- Natalgrass—discussion of the difficulty of removal; need to get Greg MacDonald to present his latest (or his partners in research)
- There is not yet an education subcommittee even though we have a workshops subcommittee. It didn't seem to be a problem, and we can have this subcommittee when we can staff it.
- We decided all known workdays of all known entities should be posted, not just two events per year that are official CISMA workdays. We are here to support the landscape's entire invasive management, so knowing opportunities is the first step.
- FWC IPM working group outcomes, lessons were discussed. Melanie and Mark overviewed the need to make partnerships more strategic, Alaina suggested there be guidelines to keep geographically close groups lumped, Chris M. suggested the partnerships didn't have to be geographic but strategic for instance a cogongrass partnership versus a northwestern area one; everyone agreed it should be guidelines not a dictatorship policy.
- We discussed the fact we are ignorant regarding accepting donations, charging fees, the need for legal counsel and insurance, incorporation, etc. I will throw in here that if we do incorporate, accept donations and charge fees for workshops that we will likely need insurance and legal counsel, and possibly membership dues someday but let's not go there right now.
- It was determined that before we get into the money aspects of this entity we should get to know each other and our challenges better. In that spirit, our next meetings will be moving around the CISMA geography to get folks more familiar with the variety of locations we represent.
- Chris and Sherry delivered an overview of the FISP WebEx on biocontrol. Very concise but let everyone know that the brown lygodium moth will be coming our way in the next couple years and there are other biocontrols (air potato, skunkvine) coming too.
- It was announced there is a landscape show on October 1-3 at the Orange County Convention Center; we discussed participation as a booth sharer with FNPS or other friends. Everyone should look at their calendars to determine if they can support an outreach effort to deliver info on our CISWG and what folks can do to help us/prevent invasions.
- Pet amnesty—Chris was going to contact Trish, Rosalind, Kris and Alison to determine who the contacts are for getting involved.

- To be watched list—Meremia (noyau vine) in the Wekiva and other locations, Asclepias curassavica showing signs of escaping cultivation, vines were discussed casually. The need for info and suggestions to use EDDmaps were agreed on.
- We need info on accepting donations—legality, logistics, etc. Chris will pass questions up TNC to find out more from other CISMAs.
- Working on private lands—Chris promised to ask Rosalind to help answer questions.
- While it was noted in discussion that Ken Langeland was not thought to be available for October 6, Chris's follow-up discovered he will speak that date.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris M.