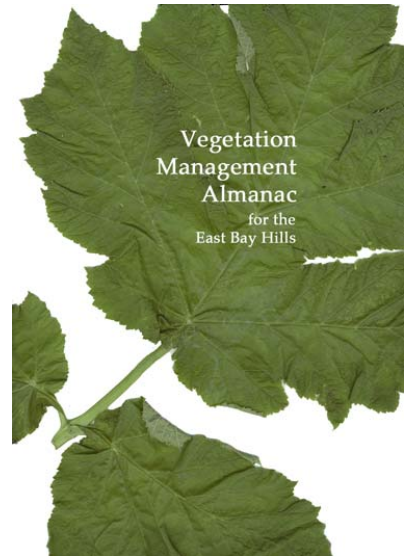


**HILLS
EMERGENCY
FORUM**

**WEED CONTROL
TRAINING COURSES**
April 8, April 22 and May 6, 2003



GOAL:

The training sessions focused on identifying noxious weeds, developing effective strategies for their control and assessing the effectiveness of previous treatments in the battle against exotic weeds and wildland fire.

This training was based on the Vegetation Management Almanac for the East Bay Hills. The Vegetation Management Almanac was published in 2001 by the Hills Emergency Forum to help East Bay residents and workers identify native plants and habitats while creating fire-resistant landscapes. The Vegetation Almanac continues to be available at the EBRPD Tilden Nature Area Environmental Education Center in Berkeley. For more information about its purchase call (510) 525-2233

TRAINERS:

The field classes were presented by two of the Almanac's five authors: Charli Danielsen, a long time advocate of local native plants and Ed Leong, a supervisor at the East Bay Regional Park District.

ATTENDEES:

The classes were quickly filled to capacity registering over 50 participants. Attendees came from maintenance crews, fire departments and special interest groups including: City of Berkeley, East Bay Regional Parks District, East Bay Municipal Utility Department, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Oakland Fire Department, University of California Berkeley, Town of Moraga, City of San Pablo, Fireman's Fund Insurance, Cal Trans, Integrated Pest Management, Aquatic Outreach Institute among others.

SPONSORS:

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The Hills Emergency Forum facilitates a cooperative approach among eight governing organizations addressing urban wildland interface fire issues in the Oakland-Berkeley hills.