

Weed Advisory Board Members:

Kenny Smith – President

Kenny owns and operates a weed management company out of Mancos called Premier Weed Management. He has over 30 years of customer service and public relations experience and provides a strong foundation for building a long-term customer base. Kenny's education and extensive knowledge in production agriculture includes intensive weed management. His experience in weed management comes from his positions as owner/manager of a retail farm store, crop consultant, and agricultural extension agent with Colorado State University. Kenny's Master's in Business Administration compliments his agricultural experience with a keen understanding of business management.

Brad White – Vice President

Walter Henes- Member

Eddy Lewis - Member

I have owned and operated my company Southwest Weed Control since the early spring of 1997. In the years since buying the business from Ron Lanier I have had contracts with most federal, state and local government agencies. Besides those contracts I have provided weed control services to local land owners.

Through the state required continuing education seminars that I have attended, I have observed the weed problems that Colorado and other Western states are currently facing. In continuing education settings I have been able to see what is being done to successfully combat various weed problems throughout the Western US. I have also been able to utilize my skills of equipment design and fabrication to match the needs for applying chemicals accurately and efficiently in various terrain conditions.

Steve Miles - Member

Steve was raised in the "burbs" of Denver. After graduating from Colorado College with a degree in anthropology, Steve signed up for 3 years in the Peace Corps. After returning to the "states" in 1977, the rural lifestyle of Cortez called. Several quirks of fate led to starting what developed into a landscape irrigation business, Rainmaker Sprinkler, which he still operates.

His passion for water and land conservation fits well with the intent and design of the conservation districts. He was awarded Conservationist of the Year in 2008 by the Colorado Department of Agriculture for his activities in weed management and conservation. The Colorado Weed Management Association similarly awarded Steve and the Dolores Conservation District with Weed Manager of the Year for efforts made in tamarisk control in the district.

Clay Loving - Member

Myself, I have been a land owner within the Elk Springs Ranch (located within Montezuma County on Rd 46) home subdivision for approx 10 years. Individually, we have been maintaining the noxious weeds on our 37 acre property. I have also been and remain the chairperson on the HOA operations committee, and in this capacity, have been responsible for weed control of our 500 +/- acre HOA. Our weed control efforts have been a combination of individual lot owner efforts as well as contracted services.

I believe that my experience can be of value to the advisory board to the extent of my representing HOA interests, small land owner interests (<50 acre), subdivision interests (<500 acre) as well as that of being a participant of the county weed programs cost share.

Mark Tucker – Member

Mark has a Bachelor Science degree in Range Management from Humboldt State University; 1979. He is a Certified Professional in Rangeland Management; Society for Range Management (CP00-145). Mark has worked 36 years with USDA Forest Service working in all resource management aspects of invasive species management in four states; includes approximately 10 years managing the rangeland and invasives programs on the Bureau of Land Management San Juan Field Office