

**INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA  
(ISCC) HYBRID MEETING**

Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 29,  
2022

**Opening:**

The meeting of the Invasive Species Council of California (ISCC) was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on November 29, 2022 in Sacramento, by California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Secretary Karen Ross.

**ISCC Members Present:**

Karen Ross, Secretary, CDFA

Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA)

Darwin Moosavi, Deputy Secretary, California State Transportation Agency

Lori Nezhura, Deputy Director, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Julie Souliere, Assistant Secretary, California Health and Human Services

**Staff Members Present:**

David Pegos, ISCC Executive Director and CISAC Executive Director

Jonathan Babineau, CDFA

**Opening Remarks**

- **Karen Ross, CDFA:** This meeting is being held both online and in person. The ISCC was first introduced through an executive order in 2009. Legislation passed in 2019 made the ISCC a body in statute.
- **Wade Crowfoot, CNRA:** The ISCC is doing important work to preserve California's biodiversity and to keep working lands safe and healthy. The ISCC will be participating in an international convening organized by the United Nations to bring governments around the world together to combat biodiversity loss.

**PRESENTATION: David Pegos, CDFA**

- ISCC/California Invasive Species Advisory Committee

**PRESENTATION: Mark McLoughlin, CDFA**

- Presentation of Invasive Species Trends and California's Pest Prevention System.

**PRESENTATION: Martha Volkoff, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)**

- Presentation on Invasive Species Reserve Fund

**PRESENTATION: Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann, Urban Forestry Advisor, University of California Cooperative Extension**

- Presentation of Statewide Strategic Initiative to Control Invasive Shothole

## Borers in California

**PRESENTATION: Jordan Key, County of San Diego Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures**

- Presentation of Desert Knapweed Eradication

**PRESENTATION: Curtis Takahashi, San Jose State University**

- Presentation of Statewide Exotic Wood Borer Survey

**PRESENTATION: Ted Grosholz, UC Davis & Gina Darin, California Department of Water Resources**

- Presentation of Annual Statewide Surveys for Early Detection of Priority Aquatic Invasive Species

**PRESENTATION: Ashley Boren, Sustainable Conservation**

- Presentation of Plant Right program

**PRESENTATION: Ricky Lara, CDFA**

- Presentation of Biocontrol of Yellow Starthistle in California

**PRESENTATION: Christopher Potter, California Department of Fish and Wildlife & Terri Reeder, Santa Anna Regional Water Quality Control Board**

- Presentation of Caulerpa Prolifera Eradication Effort in Newport Bay

**PRESENTATION: Shannon Lynch, SUNY ESF**

- Presentation of Invasive Species Grant Requests for Proposals.

**PRESENTATION: Martha Volkoff, CDFW**

- Presentation of Amendments to the Invasive Species Council of California's By-Laws

#### **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

- **Action item: Approval of meeting minutes for the April 13, 2020 Invasive Species Council of California meeting.**

Motion to approve: Wade Crowfoot, California Natural Resources Agency

Second: Darwin Moosavi, California State Transportation Agency

No discussion, all in favor, motion carried

- **Action item: Approval of Proposed Funding Plan**

Motion to Approve Proposed Funding Plan: Karen Ross, California Department of Food and Agriculture

Second: Wade Crowfoot, California Natural Resources Agency

Discussion

- Wade Crowfoot, CNRA: The proposals included in the funding plan are very impressive. Thanks to Secretary Ross and others for making the case for funding. We have the scientific expertise needed to do the work across our agencies and with our partners in other levels of government and academia. The ISCC can be used as a platform to educate policymakers around how scientifically complex issues impact the goals we are trying to advance.
- Karen Ross, CDFA: It was great to hear the variety of expertise coming together around how to implement the projects reviewed today. The presentations highlighted the need for collaboration.

All in favor, motion carried

- **Action Item: Approval of the Draft Requests for Proposals**

Motion to Approve Proposed Funding Plan: Karen Ross, California Department of Food and Agriculture

Second: Wade Crowfoot, California Natural Resources Agency

No discussion, all in favor, motion carried

- **Action Item: Approval of CISAC's Recommended changes to the Invasive Species Council of California Bylaws and CISAC Charter**

Motion to Approve Proposed Funding Plan: Wade Crowfoot, California Natural Resources Agency

Second: Claire Aicken, County of San Diego Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures

No discussion, all in favor, motion carried

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **David Pegos, CDFA:** The Invasive Shothole Borer Subcommittee has used the majority of the \$10 million allotted to the Subcommittee for research and trapping efforts. The Subcommittee has approximately \$1.1 million left over and will use these remaining funds for additional research projects.

- **Martha Volkoff, CDFW:** The CISAC Outreach and Education Subcommittee was reformed and met once in 2022. The main focus of the Subcommittee was preparing for how CISAC could best participate in Invasive Species Action Week.
- **Doug Johnson, California Invasive Plant Council:** The progress made by the ISCC towards putting together a Request For Proposal (RFP) that will be applied broadly across the state is exciting. Encouraged the ISCC to continue funding the kinds of projects approved in the 11/29/22 ISCC meeting.

#### **CLOSING COMMENTS:**

- **Karen Ross, CDFA:** Thanks to the ISCC members for their participation in today's meeting. The presentations given during today's meeting underscored the importance of the work being done by the ISCC and the CISAC. We have well qualified people to handle the operational aspects of invasive species eradication work. We need to operate at the level of integrating our work regarding natural working lands, climate and biodiversity.
- **Wade Crowfoot, CNRA:** Thanks to the CISAC for their work on behalf of the ISCC. The ISCC can be a platform to help policymakers understand the importance of invasive species programs like the projects discussed today. The CISAC's detailed work to identify threats that we are experiencing or soon to experience and how they could impact our core missions is helpful towards highlighting how invasive species eradication is central to each of our agency missions.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at: 4:40 PM

Minutes taken by: Jonathan Babineau, CDFA with the assistance of the CSUS Center for Consensus and Collaboration Program.