

**California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC)
June 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

CISAC Members:

Dr. Erik Blosser	Dr. Ted Grosholz	Chris Scianni*
Tim Crothers*	Humberto Izquierdo	Dr. Katie Sutherland-Ashley
Gina Darin	Dr. Kevi Mace	Martha Volkoff
Tom Getts	Dr. Bea Nobua-Behrmann*	Lisa Worthington

*Virtual

CISAC Members Absent:

Dr. Shannon Lynch	David Haviland	Lori Nezhura
Dr. Stacy Hishinuma		

Guests:

Jose Arriaga	Kris Godfrey	Stephanie Ponce
Tad Bell	Lindsey Hack	Michael Rodriguez
Elizabeth Brusati	Edward Hard	Mary Rodriguez
Beverly Bulaon	Ryan Hays	Paul Rugman-Jones
Marco Burger	Heather Healy	Andrew Rush
Jutta Burger	Joseph Hogan	Joe Scheele
Samantha Carranza	Josh Huntsinger	Steve Schoenig
George Cavinta	Doug Johnson	Thais Spiropoulos
Brad Cook	Gabriella Kalbach	Lynn Takata
Valerie Cook	Jenny Ketterlin	Nikki Valentine
Michelle Daneri	Jasmine Lopez	Jessica Vollmer
Jim Farrar	Liv O'Keeffe	Nancy Wahl-Scheurich
Evonne Fell	Donna Neville	Rachel Wigginton
Wade Finlinson	Stephen Phillips	Kirk Wilbur

Staff:

Jonathan Babineau	David Pegos	Ambika Saini
Victoria Hornbaker		

Opening:

The California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. on June 10, 2026. Gina Darin welcomed committee members, guests, and staff.

Ambika Saini conducted roll call for the meeting and announced a quorum had been met to act on committee business.

Dr. Kevi Mace was welcomed as a new CISAC member.

Committee Business:

Update to Committee Appointments and Vacancies

Ambika Saini provided an update on committee appointments and the onboarding status of the members. There are seventeen out of nineteen committee positions filled.

David Pegos shared information about the two open positions on the advisory committee. The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) granted permission to proceed with the press release announcing the two positions. David Pegos explained that interested individuals must provide a letter of interest and two letters of support for consideration by the Invasive Species Council of California. Once the press release is announced, individuals will have a thirty-day period to submit their documents for consideration.

Consent Agenda Approval

Motion: To approve the consent agenda of the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee, which included August 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes, October 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes, January 29, 2026 Meeting Minutes, February 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes and the proposed meeting dates for the 2026 CISAC meetings.

First Motion: Humberto Izquierdo

Second Motion: Tom Getts

Motion carries: The motion passed unanimously.

Election for Committee Vice-Chair and Secretary

Gina Darin called for the election of committee vice-chair and opened the floor for nominations. Dr. Bea Nobua-Behrmann nominated Chris Scianni, and Gina Darin nominated Lisa Worthington. A vote was called, and there were eight votes for Lisa Worthington and five votes for Chris Scianni. Lisa Worthington was elected to serve the committee vice-chair position.

Gina Darin called the election for committee secretary and opened the floor for nominations. Dr. Bea Nobua-Behrmann was previously nominated and there were no other members interested. A vote was called and there were thirteen votes in favor. Dr. Bea Nobua-Behrmann was elected to serve the committee secretary position.

Review and Approve CISAC Charter Amendments

Gina Darin reviewed the proposed CISAC charter amendments and asked if there was further discussion or feedback on this topic. She noted that bold italics are additions to the charter and strike through text is proposed to be removed. Victoria Hornbaker pointed out section *11. Subcommittees*, bullet points b– Science Subcommittee and c – Finance Subcommittee should be struck out.

Motion: Approve the CISAC Charter as amended.

First Motion: Humberto Izquierdo

Second Motion: Dr. Bea Nobua-Behrmann

Motion carries: The motion passed unanimously.

Review of New Fiscal Display

Victoria Hornbaker displayed the new fiscal dashboard to the committee for review. The fiscal dashboard demonstrates the breakdown of the original \$5 million in funds and does not include the Prop 4 funds. Martha Volkoff commented that it is important to represent the other commitments that have not been executed yet, as it may help inform making decisions of other matters brought forth to the committee for consideration. Martha Volkoff asked for the category of encumbrance to be added back in for clarity and for showing that there is work pending.

Review and Approve CISAC Sponsorship of the Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species Meeting in September in Sacramento

Gina Darin moved the committee to review and approve the CISAC proposed conference and event sponsorship framework. There was discussion among members over excluding single species events versus multi-species events. Victoria Hornbaker proposed having a maximum amount of \$5,000 per event. Dr. Ricky Lara commented that having guardrails ensures limits on funding and frequency of events. Chris Scianni suggested a total maximum amount of \$15,000 per year. Victoria Hornbaker said the committee could consider providing a recommendation to ISCC on July 6 to sponsor the Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species Meeting at \$1000 from the reserve fund.

The changes proposed to the sponsorship framework includes, a) changing “sponsorship may range from \$500 – \$2,500 per event” to “sponsorship up to a maximum of \$15,000 per year”, b) removing the frequency sentence, c) correcting the approval process section from “sponsorships will be approved by CISAC vote” to “bring sponsorships to the ISCC for approval and d) changing “sponsorship benefits requested by CISAC” to “sponsorship benefits requested by ISCC”. Lisa Worthington suggested adding “opportunities to participate in a panel or make presentations.

Motion: Review and Approve Framework for Sponsorships

First Motion: Humberto Izquierdo

Second Motion: Martha Volkoff

Motion carries: The motion passed unanimously.

Martha provided the committee with a summary of the benefits of sponsoring the Western Regional Panel on aquatic nuisance species taking place this year in Sacramento.

Motion: Review and Approve CISAC Sponsorship of the Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species Meeting in September in Sacramento

First Motion: Ted Grosholz

Second Motion: Tom Getts

Motion carries: The motion passed unanimously.

Approve CISAC Goals for 2026

Gina Darin shared the CISAC goals for 2026 and opened the topic for discussion for committee members. The three goals are to execute the Prop 4 grants process, leverage Interagency collaboration, and host a meaningful Invasive Species Tours and Summit.

Motion: Approve CISAC Goals for 2026

First Motion: Tom Getts

Second Motion: Ted Grosholz

Motion carries: The motion passed unanimously.

Review Draft Prop 4 Grant Framework and Approve Edits

Victoria Hornbaker reviewed the edited Prop 4 grant framework for the committee to give their approval to present the grant framework to the ISCC on July 6. The edits were focused on feedback from the webinar and public comments.

Multiple members voiced concerns over voting on the Prop 4 grant framework and requested additional time to review the proposed edits. Dr. Ted Grosholz asked for a small CISAC meeting before July 6, and other members agreed that would be beneficial. Doug Johnson from the California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) requested to review the Prop 4 public comments received and grant framework. Gina Darin asked if the CISAC members would like to form a subcommittee to review and approve submitted Prop 4 grant applications. Dr. Kevi Mace, Dr. Ricky Lara, Dr. Ted Grosholz, Chris Scianni, Martha Volkoff, and Tom Getts are interested in joining the review subcommittee.

Motion: Form Prop 4 application Review Subcommittee

First Motion: Lisa Worthington

Second Motion: Humberto Izquierdo

Motion carries: The motion passed unanimously.

Review and Approve the Rapid Response Applications

David Pegos shared the two rapid response applications received. The first application reviewed by the committee was for the inspection and decontamination of golden mussel. The second application was for South American palm weevil detection and mitigation in Orange County. The committee asked to postpone voting on the rapid response applications and requested additional time for review. Additionally, the committee agreed to form a subcommittee to review the applications in the future.

Motion: Form Rapid Response Application Review Subcommittee

First Motion: Lisa Worthington

Second Motion: Humberto Izquierdo

Motion carries: The motion passed unanimously.

Leveraging Interagency Collaboration

Weed Management Areas Tom Getts presented on the outcome of the Weed Management Areas (WMAs) working group. He asked the committee to review and consider approving the work group findings. The work group report asks for a budget request to fund the program to protect agriculture and natural resources. Humberto Izquierdo voiced support for presenting this concept to the ISCC as a high-priority need and evaluating next steps afterwards. Martha Volkoff asked the committee to reconsider if a budget change proposal (BCP) was the best path for this funding consideration. She reasoned that while the BCP creates a dedicated source of funds, the majority of BCPs do not pass. Doug Johnson commented that CAL IPC strongly supports moving this proposal forward and that this proposal should not be limited only to the BCP path.

Nancy Wahl-Scheurich, on behalf of the resource conservation district across the state, agreed with Doug Johnson and urged support from CISAC to recommend the work group report request to fund WMAs. Jutta Burger from CAL-IPC echoed Doug Johnson's recommendation to support the working group report. Wade Finlinson from Contra Costa Integrated Pest Management voiced support for the WMAs work group report's recommendation and commented this investment will help solidify permanent partnerships at the local level. Kirk Wilbur from the California Cattlemen's Association stated the organization supports the stable funding recommendations presented to CISAC today. Humberto Izquierdo advised CISAC to present the WMA report recommendation to the ISCC to consider permanent funding for the WMA program.

Motion: Make recommendation to ISCC for permanent funds to the state's Weed Management Area Program

First motion: Humberto Izquierdo

Second motion: Dr. Ted Grosholz

Motion carries: The motion passed unanimously.

Aquatic Weed Jurisdiction

The topic of aquatic weed jurisdiction was led by Gina Darin. The work group for this topic includes Gina Darin, Dr. Ted Grosholz, Robyn Carter (Department of Water Resources – Oroville), Nick Rasmussen (Department of Water Resources – West Sacramento), and Whitney Brim-DeForest (UCCE County Director for Sutter and Yuba counties). Gina reported the work is continuing for aquatic weed management, and there were no major developments to report.

Nutria Eradication Access

Gina Darin discussed nutria eradication access, emphasizing the current challenge of getting access to land. The lack of land access to do surveys or trapping for nutria detection and monitoring has been hindering progress. Humberto Izquierdo provided additional information and shared that Valerie Cook has been setting up meetings for interagency collaboration opportunities involved in nutria management and expanding communication.

Insect Monitoring Collaborations with State Parks

Dr. Bea Nobua-Behrmann explained that the main collaboration with state parks is done through local relationships, such as the Invasive Shothole Borer (ISHB) monitoring at Crystal Cove State Park. She shared that this collaboration demonstrates the value of having a connection between technical experts and land managers. Dr. Bea Nobua-Behrmann also brought up the ISHB statewide survey as an example of interagency collaboration. Noting that the ISHB statewide response plan has brought together multiple interested parties contributing different strengths and approaches. The collaboration among multiple parties was the pillar of the infrastructure for ISHB statewide response.

Golden Mussel Collaborations

The topic of golden mussel collaboration was led by Lisa Worthington with support from Martha Volkoff. Martha Volkoff shared a potential concept with Lisa Worthington on roadside interdiction for the unintentional overland transport of invasive mussels on vehicles, boats, wheels, etc. Lisa Worthington explained Caltrans has ownership of the land and buildings that house the CDFA agricultural inspection stations. This concept would be temporary and allow access to additional locations that are needed. It was agreed that it be interesting to explore existing resources by looking at conveniently located but unused state properties to allow collaboration.

Prepare Draft ISCC Agenda and CISAC Presentation to the ISCC

Gina Darin noted that she will work on preparing the draft ISCC agenda and CISAC presentation to the ISCC and have it posted in advance of the ISCC meeting.

Comprehensive Pest Prevention Program Analysis Report

The Comprehensive Pest Prevention Program Analysis (C3PA) report was presented to CISAC by Victoria Hornbaker. This analysis report was a joint effort between partners at California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association, CDFA, UC Davis, and others. The analysis report provides evidence for providing additional support and new investments in pest prevention in response to changing economic and policy landscapes. The report focuses on three main pest prevention programs; the state border inspection stations, detector dog teams for mail/package facilities, and the high-risk pest exclusion program. Through the analysis of these programs, the report aims to establish cost effectiveness and highlight the return on investment values for each of the programs. Additionally, the report includes the impact of a wide range of related and contextual elements such as climate change, damage to urban trees, technology adoption, and several other factors.

Public Comment:

Dr. Ted Grosholz asked about tribal representation on the committee, and members agreed on the need to have tribal representation at CISAC.

Meeting adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:48pm. The next CISAC meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2026 at 2:00 pm.

