

CONSENT AGENDA

June 10, 2026

1. August 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes**California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC)
August 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes****CISAC Members:**

Tim Crothers	David Haviland	Bea Nobua Behrmann
Gina Darin	Ricky Lara	Katie Sutherland-Ashley
Tom Getts	Shannon Lynch	Martha Volkoff
Ted Grosholz	Lori Nezhura	Lisa Worthington

CISAC Members Absent:

Erik Blosser	Humberto Izquierdo	Helene Wright
Stacy Hishinuma	Brent Johnson	

Guests:

Claire Aicken	Heather Healy	Paul Rugman-Jones
Johnathan Babineau	Elham Jamshidi	Ambika Saini
Rachel Burnap	Thomas Jensen	Joe Scheele
Andy Chang	Doug Johnson	Chris Scianni
Julie Clark	David Juliano	CherieShook
Kim Corella	John Kabashima	Stephanie Stark
Atlasi Daneshvar	Gabriella Kalbach	Constance Taylor
Travis Elder	Melonie Morgan	Neil Tsutsui
Jim Farrar	Randall Oliver	Greta Varien
Nathan Fishburn	MacKenzie Patton	Jeremy Wagner
Paul Gilbert-Snyder	David Pegos	Koren Widdel
Lindsey Hack	Sam Raburn	David Wirta
Lu Han	Duke Richardson	
Katie Harrell	Jay Rowan	

Opening:

The California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. on August 21st, 2025. Dr. Ricky Lara welcomed committee members, guests, and staff.

Updates:

Dr. Ricky Lara highlighted the success of the bio-incubators that allowed for the release of the Yellow Star Thistle biocontrol agents. He will be participating at the Entomological Society of America's (ESA) national meeting in November. The California Department of

Food and Agriculture (CDFA) will be putting together a symposium celebrating fifty years of biological control.

Lisa Worthington will be part of a scientific panel presentation on pest related concerns, addressing broader landscape concerns such as enhancing landscape resilience and reducing wildfire incidence.

Martha Volkoff shared the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DWF) will receive a small amount of federal funding for the invasive Golden Mussel. DWF offered \$1,000,000 in grant funding for prevention program efforts and has selected the projects to be funded. The Fish and Game Commission gave their approval to proceed with proactively listing the golden mussel and other non-native species of concern as restricted species.

Ted Grosholz shared the federal Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) is developing a white paper on marine invasive species and border security. The paper will focus on fouling ship hulls and drawing attention to aquarium and pet species of trade.

Gina Darin from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) shared they are collaborating alongside CDFW on the golden mussel taskforce, and the Nutria eradication program. The fish restoration program is successfully continuing efforts on tidal habitat restoration in the Delta and Suisun Marsh.

Dr Shannon Lynch developed a statewide risk map based of the predictive modeling for Invasive Shothole Borer (ISHB), pending release to the public soon. Received funding from CalFire to continue research on the greater shothole borer (GSHB), improve trap optimization, and monitoring efforts in the Santa Cruz area.

David Haviland is planning on a one-year sabbatical leave to continue research work on invasive species issues globally.

Bea Nobua Behrmann gave an update on the golden spotted oak borer (GSOB) Blitz.

David Pegos shared multiple updates. There is a new Medfly quarantine in Santa Clara County. There is an ongoing Spongy Moth eradication project in Monte Nido. Additionally, there is a Japanese Beetle eradication project in Sacramento and Rancho Cordova.

Chris Scianni shared that the California State Lands Commission filed a lawsuit against the Environment Protection Agency (EPA). The lawsuit argues that the EPA's rule issued under the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA), unlawfully overrides the state's established biofouling management program.

Doug Johnson highlighted the Cal IPC symposium in November taking place in Ventura. New funds through Department of Pesticide Regulation to continue working on the WeedCut tool. Working with the national forests on weed management programs.

Joe Scheele from Customs and Border Protections discussed the threat of new world screwworm and various methods of control utilized to minimize the spread.

Dr. John Kabashima commented that the South American Palm Weevil has reached Camp Pendleton and there is concern for it spreading in Southern California. A work group in Orange County is being organized for a response program with plans for trapping and treatment. Additional work includes research on a new canker pathogen of pine trees to address ghost canker disease affecting mature pine trees.

Koren Widdel is working with David Pegos on the ISHB Trapping/Mediterranean Oak Borer (MOB) trapping for the next calendar year. She shared that some Californian county agricultural commissioners have been offered funding for spotted lanternfly surveys for this fall. Funding for the high-risk pest exclusion for inspections at parcel terminal and other various pathways has been impacted, affecting the level of service to continue the inspections. They are looking to utilizing the Comprehensive Pest Prevention Program Analysis Report (C3PA) to advocate for funding to prevent the risk from these various entry pathways.

MacKenzie Patton is an Invasive Pest Management (IPM) advisor for the Central Sierra region. She shared that one of Curtis Ewing's MOB traps in Amador County caught a detection of the beetle. She also provided information on the Glassy-winged Sharpshooters (GWSS) outbreak in El Dorado County and progress on biocontrol for this pest.

Randall Oliver shared they are hosting 2025 ISHB fusarium dieback symposium in September at Madera Ranch. Also reported that the Firewood Taskforce has been able to utilize a Wildlife Urban Interface Climate Action Network Grant to purchase supplies for outreach and education efforts at statewide events.

Committee Business:

Motion: To approve the June 12th, 2025 meeting minutes of the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee.

First Motion: Tom Getts

Second Motion: Tim Crothers

Motion carries: The motion passed unanimously.

Proposition 4 (overview)

\$20,000,000 for purposes of funding invasives species projects and activities recommended by the Invasive Species Council of California (ISCC).

Potential operational allocations include:

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| 1. Statewide Bond Costs | \$150,000 |
| 2. 7% Overhead | \$1,400,000 |
| 3. Technical Assistance (set aside) | \$500,000 |

Remaining funds **\$17,950,000**

Overarching considerations for these funds include:

1. Preference shall be given to projects that restore or protect biodiversity and ecosystem health.
2. Consideration shall be given to geographical priority.

The law established that the 2024 Climate Bond requires that *at least 40 percent* of the total bond funding, “shall be allocated for projects that provide meaningful and direct benefits to vulnerable populations or disadvantaged communities”. Of this 40 percent, *at least 10 percent* of the total funding “shall be allocated for projects that provide meaningful and direct benefits to severely disadvantaged communities”.

Discussion: Proposition 4 (2024) Invasive Species Grant Application

After lengthy discussion, the Invasive Species Grant application will be revisited after further clarity from administration and CDFA contracts.

Discussion: List of Priority Invasive Species Projects

One page proposal will be submitted per project.

1. Strengthening the iNaturalist reporting system – Shaun Winterton
2. Supporting golden mussel response. Martha Volkoff & Ted Grosholz & Paul Gilbert-Snyder & Lu Han
 - a. Boat decontamination facilities.
 - b. Upgrading water infrastructure for agricultural use.
 - c. Working with the state water project.
3. Supporting ISHB response – Bea Nobua-Behrmann & Shannon Lynch
 - a. Survey, detection, rapid response.
 - i. Traps, tub grinders, chips, drone (equipment + operations [i.e., pilot, license, permits]).
 - b. Outreach and engagement.
 - i. Signage.
 - c. Research.
 - d. Green waste and firewood as pathways.
4. Weed management area rapid response – Doug Johnson & Tom Getts
 - a. Including equipment for applications or cultural solutions.
 - b. Training and operators - Workforce development.
5. Continuing weed management area funding – Doug Johnson & Tom Getts
6. Supporting a statewide GSOB response – Bea Nobua-Behrmann
 - a. Survey detention and Rapid response.
 - i. Tub grinder + operations.
 - b. Outreach and engagement.
 - i. Signage.
 - c. Research.

- d. Tree removal of amplifier trees.
- 7. Firewood Task Force funding – Randall Oliver
 - a. Signage.
 - b. General funding.
 - c. Firewood scout - need agreement to be part of that program (\$1000/\$500).
 - d. Vendors selling firewood.
- 8. Vector Pathway Outreach Campaign – Lisa Worthington
 - a. Don't pack a pest campaign.
 - b. Commercial Driver's License renewal opportunity / video on incoming domestic flights.
 - c. Transportation oriented outreach.
- 9. CDFA's Border Protection Stations - reduction in hours and potential mitigation of that impact – Ricky Lara & David Pegos
 - a. Additional storage capacity, evaluation tools (microscopes, scanners, hatchets, etc.).
 - b. Signage (\$1,000,000 per sign).
 - c. Incinerators.
- 10. Diagnostic Lab at CDFA upgrades (New equipment and emerging technology) – Shaun Winterton & Cheryl Bloomquist & Suzanne Latham
- 11. Biocontrol facility upgrades and new insectary facility (esp. Northern California in Los Alamedas), rearing of beneficial endemic species – Katie Filippini and Ricky Lara
 - a. Dr. Morgan's facilities.
- 12. Centralized campuses for invasive species dog training facilities – David Pegos, Martha Volkoff and Mariah De Nijs
- 13. University of California Support – David Haviland
 - a. Quarantine facilities at the University of California, Davis and the University of California, Riverside.
 - b. Anything that supports the University of California Research and Extension Centers (RECS).
- 14. Augment the Emergency rapid response fund (existing) – Martha Volkoff
- 15. Augment Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Surveys (3 crews) (Existing) – Ted Grosholz and Gina Darin
- 16. Updates on ecological and economic impact reports – Karen Jetter
- 17. Controlling high-risk vectors through incentives and research – David Pegos
 - a. Encourage/Support developing specialty crop market
 - b. UC Small Farm Advisor
- 18. Convene a science advisory panel with the regulation to communicate CISAC outcomes and inform the regulation – Koren Widdel

- a. Helpful, especially for Ag Commissioners on B-rated pests.
- 19. Workshops to support research collaborations among stakeholders – Shannon Lynch
- 20. Using drones to map invasive species in the wildland (Koren suggested for San Mateo Co.) – Koren Widdel
 - a. E.g., adapting use of drones to track invasive species.
- 21. Multi-agency workshop on internet sales, so all agencies working in this area are equipped to make the seizure – David Pegos
- 22. Continue funding for statewide wood borer survey – Joanna Fisher and Shannon Lynch
- 23. Invest in citizen scientist projects that leverage the use of MG, WCA, and CalNaturalists volunteers in invasive species early detection efforts – Shaun Winterton and Bea Nobua-Behrmann
 - a. Collaboration with databases and maps, Google Suite, programs to avoid duplication, including iNaturalist and other citizen scientist-generated maps.
- 24. Funding for workshops on sustainable pest management/IPM with an emphasis on biocontrol – Ricky Lara and Shannon Lynch
- 25. Invasive species tours – David Pegos
- 26. Invasive species summit – David Pegos
- 27. ISCC/CISAC Operational Fund – David Pegos
- 28. Populating Living list – Doug Johnson and David Pegos
- 29. Full-time support for ISCC/CISAC – Gina Darin
- 30. Volutaria San Diego Project – Jordan Keys and Doug Johnson
- 31. PlantRight updates and needs – Doug Johnson and David Pegos
- 32. *Caulerpa prolifera* updates and needs – Martha Volkoff and David Pegos
- 33. Outreach coordinator for invasive species for the state – Shannon Lynch
- 34. South American Palm Weevil early detection and rapid response – Bea Nobua-Behrmann, Mark Hoddle and Ricky Lara

Public Comment:

No comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next scheduled California Invasive Species Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 16th, 2025, at 10:00 am.

2. October 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC)
October 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

CISAC Members:

Erik Blosser	Tom Getts	Katie Sutherland-Ashley
Tim Crothers	Ricky Lara	Lisa Worthington
Gina Darin	Bea Nobua-Behrmann	

CISAC Members Absent:

Ted Grosholz	Humberto Izquierdo	Lori Nezhura
David Haviland	Brent Johnson	Martha Volkoff
Stacy Hishinuma	Shannon Lynch	Helene Wright

Guests:

Claire Aicken	Brad Hooker	Brianne Sakata
Jonathan Babineau	Virginia Jameson	Chris Scianni
Elizabeth Brusati	Karen Jetter	Cherie Shook
Gilbert Canchola	Doug Johnson	Stephanie Stark
Kim Corella	Gabriella Kalbach	Susanna Theroux
Atlasi Daneshvar	Joshua Kress	Neil Tsutsui
Curtis Ewing	Dahmoon Maesomy	Kelly Vandergon
Katie Filippini	Casey McSwiggin	Diane Varley
Nathan Fishburn	Juan Orendain	Mindy Wilkinson
Kevin Gallo	David Pegos	Nick Waelty
Kris Godfrey	Samuel Raburn	Erik Wilkins
Lindsey Hack	Raisa Rahim	Ellen Willis-Norton
Jeremy Haas	Ambika Saini	Karey Windbiel-Rojas

Opening:

The California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) meeting was called to order at 10:04 am on October 16th, 2025. Dr. Ricky Lara welcomed committee members, guests, and staff.

Updates:

Dr. Ricky Lara from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) – biological control, shared that they are continuing to rear biocontrol agents for Yellow Star Thistle and the brown marmorated Stink Bug. Release of these agents is planned for later this year. There have been no detections for Emerald Ash Borer from the trapping projects.

Gina Darin from Department of Water Resources (CDWR), shared her department continues to make progress in the tidal wetland habitat restoration. They are continuing their partnership with the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) on the golden mussel

response and nutria response. Additionally, the state water project anticipates the golden mussel invasion and is preparing to analyze the cost and maintenance of infrastructure in response.

Tim Crothers shared he attended the Invasive Shothole Borer (ISHB) symposium.

Lisa Worthington from Caltrans presented on the Southern California Governor's Wildfire and Landscape Resilience Taskforce covering an array of topics including wildfire risk reduction, fire prevention and invasive species management.

Dr. Bea Nobua-Behrmann from the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) shared they hosted the ISHB Symposium. Other updates include a detection of one South American Palm Weevil (SAPW) caught in a trap in South Irvine. There was another detection of SAPW in Southern Orange County – Rancho Mission Viejo.

Dr. Erik Blosser from the California Department of Public Health shared information on the *Aedes aegypti* (yellow fever). The mosquito is moving from Southern Valley to Northern Valley. The San Francisco – Bay Area now has three new counties having established populations: Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa.

Martha Volkoff from CDFW updated the committee on California Assembly Bill 149 – Golden Mussel Response. The language in the bill was amended to be expanded to invasive mussels and be inclusive of golden mussels. Martha Volkoff additionally shared news on the Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species. As the California representative, Martha nominated and secured Sacramento, California as the state to host the 2026 meeting.

Tom Getts with the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) shared there is internal organization re-structuring at the UCCE. Programs are to be broken into four program teams – Ethology, Vertebra, Plant Pathology and Weed management.

David Pegos shared that he attended the League of Cities conference and highlighted various invasive species issues to the public. There is a new glassy-winged sharpshooter (GWSS) infestation in Santa Clara County. Oriental fruit fly quarantines in Riverside and San Bernadino counites are ongoing. Upcoming outreach events will include attending the California Association of Pest Control Advisors, to help inform and educate that demographic on relevant invasive species issues.

Victoria Hornbaker announced she will be taking on a leadership role in the CISAC. In preparation for the Proposition 4 funds, Victoria will be assisting in the grant's development and the ensuring compliance with additional rules and requirements.

Brianne Sakata with the CDWR division of operations and maintenance provided an update on the golden mussel. She noted it has quickly spread throughout the state

water project from the Delta all the way to Southern California. It is impacting on the infrastructure, and the initial response is focused on critical systems in the facilities intolerable of biofouling.

Chris Schiani with the state lands commission in the Marine Invasive Species program shared that their program regulates commercial ships in international business, implementing the mandatory bio-fouling management requirements. They have been asked by International Maritime Organization to represent them and their test bio-fouling project to deliver the commercial ships bio-fouling risk assessment and underwater inspection training in the Western hemisphere.

David Pegos inquired the committee members about attending the 2025 North America Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA) annual conference that is approaching in November at Lake Tahoe. Ricky Lara and Lisa Worthington will be interested in attending from CISAC.

Atlati Daneshvar, Senior Water Resource Specialist from Santa Clara Valley Water, informed the committee the drinking water received from the state water Project and central valley project have been impacted by golden mussel colonization in these two critical sources. They hope to receive support from proposition 4 funding to help mitigate the issue and secure water security for the county residents.

Proposition 4 Overview – Q&A

Diane Varley and Virginia Jameson presented updates to *The Climate Bond and CISAC – Proposition 4*. Diane highlighted two important requirements PCR 93520 and PCR 90140. PCR 93520, states, “preference shall be given to projects that restore and protect the biodiversity and ecological health. Consideration shall be given to geographic equity. The second is PCR 90140, which states, “40 percent of the total funds shall be allocated for projects that provide meaningful and direct benefits to vulnerable populations or disadvantaged communities. At least 10 percent of the total funds available pursuant to this division shall be allocated for projects that provide meaningful and direct benefits to disadvantaged communities.” Additionally, the statutory criteria CISAC must establish needs to meet requirements to prefer, consider, track and direct, measure and evaluate and ensure recipient eligibility.

CDFA Border Protection Station Invasive Species

Juan Orendain from the California Border Protection Stations Branch gave a presentation to the committee on the history of their branch. The BPR was established in 1921 as the first line of defense against unwanted pests. The mission of the BPRS is to prevent exotic pest introductions via overland highways at California’s borders with neighboring states. The goal is to minimize the chance that vehicles entering the state

are carrying commodities infested with pests that pose a serious threat to California's agriculture. Tactics of inspections include fruit and vegetables, nursery stock, plant debris, firewood, soil, hay, seeds, grain, noxious weeds, aviary etc. There are now sixteen border stations throughout California on all major highways and interstates. All types of vehicles are inspected including private/commercial, passenger, self-moving and recreational. Additional inspections include fish and wildlife watercraft for aquatic invasive species and the CDFA livestock branch.

Comprehensive Pest Prevention Program Analysis

Victoria Hornbaker gave an update to the presentation on the Comprehensive Pest Prevention Program Analysis (C3PA). This will be the first large-scale analysis of CA pest prevention system since 1997. The analysis seeks to identify strategies and tools to support a modern pest prevention system. Additionally, it will evaluate the effectiveness of pest risk abatement from the new pathways and current exclusion system. Victoria announced that the analysis is complete, and CDFA has completed their review and provided feedback. Discussion is taking place on how to streamline the overarching comments and collaboration with the few California agricultural commissioners is underway to include those comments as well.

Invasive Species Council of California (ISCC) Meeting Agenda Development

The next presentation was on the ISCC's December 8th meeting Agenda. The following members expressed interest in covering the following topics of interest:

- California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Taskforce – Lisa
 - Tree Mortality/ invasive species/ invasive grasses
- Proposition 4 – Diane/Julie (DNRA)
- Nutria Eradication – Gina
- Golden Mussel – Martha Volkoff
- Climate Smart Ag – Virginia
- Rats – Michelle Dennis/Kevi Mace
- CISAC Summit/ tours – Discussion session
- Weed Management Areas – Michelle Dennis
- Emerald Ash Borer
- South American Palm Weevil
- AB-900: adding stewardship on Proposition 4 and 30x30
- Highlight accomplishments – David

Committee Business

The Board identified members interested in participating in an Invasive Species Tour and Summit Subcommittee meeting: Gina Darin, Martha Volkoff, Humberto Izquierdo, Dr. Ricky Lara, Tim Crothers, Lisa Worthington, Dr. Katie Sutherland-Ashley, Dr. Bea Nobua-Behrmann, Tom Getts, and Dr. Shannon Lynch.

ISCC Funding Projects

David Pegos provided an update on the ISCC funded projects. CDFA is working with the University of California Invasive Pest Management (IPM) program and UCANR to finalize the contract for assistance in Invasive Species Summit & the Invasive Species Tours. The operational fund has \$24,708.59 in funds remaining. The work for the Living List and Pathways Prioritization is pending until the agreement with UC IPM and UCANR is in place. Which will help to assist in executing the goals of capturing the species for the living list and report. The reserve fund has two projects identified: *Caulerpa prolifera* eradication at the San Diego Port and *Plecostachys serpyllifolia* (petite licorice) eradication at the Santa Rosa Islands of the Channel Islands National Park.

For the Invasive Shothole Borer, \$802,187.50 has been identified for the counties to complete trapping projects. A new species of shothole borer (Greater shothole borer) identified in Santa Cruz. The efforts are ongoing for eradicating *Volutaria* in the Borrego springs area of San Diego County; the contract was extended for an additional year to allow for optimal trapping due to weather conditions. The exotic woodborer survey has spent half of the funds in 2024; the other half will be executed in 2025. These funds have allowed for additional locations of traps and types of lures. To support the exotic aquatic species survey there was the acquisition of a boat, and the program plans to use funds to expand opportunities to search for aquatic invasive species. The Yellow Star Thistle Biocontrol Incubators are in operation and producing biocontrol agents which have been distributed throughout the state. Lastly, the *Caulerpa* project in Newport Bay is on-going with diving efforts for eradication of *Caulerpa*.

Public Comment:

Curtis Ewing: California Firewood Taskforce is on track with objectives. There may have been a reported positive of the Mediterranean Oak Borer in Marysville, confirmation is pending. MOB is spreading, presently in Amador, El Dorado and continuing to spread into the Foothills and further.

Karey Windbiel-Rojas: Presenting miniseries of webinars to share general information to public, covering topics of invasive pests. Three more webinars will be offered, on the first Wednesday of each month.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next scheduled California Invasive Species Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for December 10th, 2025 at 10:00 am.

3. January 29, 2026 Meeting Minutes

**California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC)
January 29, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

CISAC Members:

Erik Blosser	Humberto Izquierdo**	Lori Nezhura
Tim Crothers	Ricky Lara	Bea Nobua-Behrmann**
Gina Darin	Shannon Lynch	Katie Sutherland- Ashley
David Haviland**	Superna Metha*	Martha Volkoff

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**Virtual non-voting

CISAC Members Absent:

Tom Getts	Stacy Hishinuma	Helene Wright
Ted Grosholz	Brent Johnson	

Guests:

Jonathan Babineau	Victoria Hornbaker	Zoe Pierrat
Elizabeth Brusati	Jessica Hurlimann	Peter Roediger
Rachel Burnap	Doug Johnson	Paul Rugman-Jones
Julie Clark	Jennifer Ketterlin	Ambika Saini
Brad Cook	Jasmine Lopez	Chris Scianni
Nathan Fishburn	Hector Alejandro Merchan	Cherie Shook
Trevor Fox	Melonie Morgan	Stephanie Stark
Brian Gress	Randall Oliver	Bryan Sullivan
Lindsey Hack	MacKenzie Patton	Tyler Tkachuk
Heather Healy	David Pegos	David Wirta

Opening:

The California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) meeting was called to order at 10:03 am on January 29th, 2026. Gina Darin welcomed committee members, guests, and staff.

Ambika Saini took roll and noted that there was not a quorum for the meeting.

Introductions and Updates:

Gina Darin, Department of Water Resources (DWR) began her position as chair of the CISAC. She provided a brief history on the establishment of the committee and its significant benchmarks achieved to date. She highlighted the committee’s goals for 2026, with consideration to the Invasive Species Council of California (ISCC)

secretaries' feedback. This includes providing recommendations to the ISCC on cross agency collaboration opportunities, a meaningful invasive species summit and tours, and the distribution of proposition 4 funds. Other updates include continuing work on the golden mussel task force, nutria eradication program, and dealing with aquatic weeds in the Delta.

Martha Volkoff from Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) provided an update on *Caulerpa prolifera* eradication. Her department was advised that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is reprioritizing the federal support that was previously allocated for *Caulerpa*. Additionally, she shared that the Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species will meet in Sacramento from September 23rd through the 25th and inquired about sponsorship from CISAC.

David Pegos with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) shared that the eradication programs for the Japanese beetle in Northern California, the spongy moth eradication in the Monte Nido area of Los Angeles County, and invasive fruit fly eradication projects in Southern and Northern California are ongoing. He has been traveling to various events for outreach and education including the New York Times travel show and will prepare for additional travel shows through the Don't Pack a Pest campaign. The agreement for a joint interagency emerald ash borer (EAB) action plan with Jim Frarrar has been executed. Updates with the invasive shot hole borer (ISHB) and Mediterranean oak borer (MOB) include four executed agreements, with the remainder in CDFA's contracts office for processing and review. The supplies for these county projects are ready to be sent out to the counties. The MOB agreement is being developed in support of Dr. Curtis Ewing.

Dr. Ricky Lara from CDFA Biological Control Program (Program) reported that they are planning more releases from the two incubators purchased for yellow star thistle biocontrol in spring this year. The program is developing the final version of the CDFA IPCB / Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Action Plan 2026 / for EAB Monitoring in California to allow for proactive monitoring for this invasive species. There is a new biological control agent for diamondback moth, which will be tested at the CDFA quarantine facilities. Lastly, as a member of W5185: Biological Control in Pest Management Systems of Plant Pests, CDFA will jointly host the next multi-state research project with the Entomological Society of America.

Victoria Hornbaker, CDFA provided an update on proposition 4 – The Climate Bond. She notified members that progress is being made on the program application and the other components. She also gave a reminder to members to respond to the doodle poll sent out to schedule the next CISAC meeting in February. Furthermore, Victoria and Gina have revised the CISAC agenda template for meetings moving forward. Lastly, she noted that there have been four quarterly meetings planned for the ISCC, which will have doodle polls sent out in advance for scheduling purposes.

Dr. Katie Sutherland-Ashley, Office of Health Hazard Assessment, shared that her office is producing public outreach materials regarding the urban pesticides applied for treatment in the spongy moth eradication effort. Her office is also working with CDFA

and Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to develop environment monitoring strategies for spongy moth treatments.

Dr. Shannon Lynch, University of California Davis shared that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) provided funding to allow for trap optimization to expand monitoring efforts on the greater shothole borer (GSHB) found in Santa Cruz County. They are also using host range testing to assess the potential host range. GSHB is primarily attacking box elder trees but also infests willow, oak, and certain sycamore species. Dr. Lynch also announced she will be going to Western Australia in March, to continue research on ISHB and polyphagous shot hole borer. She will be presenting information and data collected in California, including risk mapping developed from research. She also reminded members about the CISAC Outreach and Education Subcommittee meeting scheduled for January 30th.

Superna Mehta represented the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in this meeting. She shared information on the updated noxious weeds list: which has increased from 52 to 132 weed species listed now. She combined several tools and maps from various state agencies to inform the list comprehensively and collaborated with CDFA on these efforts.

Tim Crothers, West Coast Arborists shared news that their business has expanded due to increasing invasive pest pressure. On the landscape level they have noticed urban trees planted by architects showing the effects of monoculture designs that are contributing to certain tree species being susceptible to invasive pests. This shows the difficulty faced while considering sustainable pest management (SPM) goals.

Dr. Bea Nobua-Behrmann, University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) provided updates on gold spotted oak borer (GSOB) and South American palm weevil (SAPW). She informed the committee that in 2026 both University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) and CalFire released statements that GSOB was confirmed in Ventura County. Dr. Nobua-Behrmann is continuing with a GSOB Blitz, providing community driven detection program training and education to volunteers. Two beetles in two separate traps were found in August and October of 2025. Additionally, at the end of last year there were detections of SAPW in several palm trees in San Onofre State Beach. Her group is working with the local county agriculture commissioner's office to craft a rapid response plan to address the infestation.

Humberto Izquierdo, Yolo County Agricultural Commissioner shared an update on the developments from the Broomrape Board. The board is working to facilitate a compliance agreement program to prevent the movement of broomrape in processing tomatoes.

David Haviland, University of California Statewide IPM Program is on sabbatical leave but was able to join the meeting. He highlighted noticeable differences in other countries' airport practices related to invasive species management.

Rachel Burnap, Los Angeles County Agricultural Weights and Measures, serves as chair for the California Forest Pest Council (Southern California committee). She announced that the council will have a Spring conference on February 4, 2026. She also serves as the co-lead of the Los Angeles County community forest management plan - invasive pest management group. This group is concerned with the spread of GSOB and provides outreach and technical training.

Dr. Erik Blosser, Department of Public Health emphasized their main invasive species of concern is the *Aedes aegypti* (yellow fever) mosquito. He also shared their first detection of Dengue fever in a local California mosquito in Los Angeles County. There are several mosquitoes and tick species that he would like to propose be added CISAC invasive species list.

Jenny Ketterlin, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, shared she is continuing monitoring efforts on management of *Nutria*, *Caulerpa* and more recently on golden mussel. She reminded members that the National Invasive Species Awareness Week is coming up soon February 23-27 and asked those who can, to spread awareness on their social media platforms. Lastly, she highlighted the successful partnership with United States Geological Survey to eradicate the newly invasive fringe-toed lizard, which resulted from the pet trade.

Randall Oliver, UCANR shared updates on the outreach events he has participated in recently. The events include the California State Association of Counties, League of Cities and the International Sportsmen Exposition. He is also working on a project that will revitalize websites related to pest management. Lastly, he shared he is planning for retirement in March.

Committee Business:

A quorum was not established for the meeting, so action items were tabled until the next meeting.

Discussions:

Invasive Species Council of California (12/8/2025) Meeting Recap

Presentations were given to the secretaries on various topics of important emerging issues selected by CISAC such as tree mortality, invasive grasses, golden mussel, weed management areas (WMAs), Emerald ash borer, and the SAPW. The secretaries would like to be able to make recommendations on these topics and to be presented with tangible requests from CISAC on how to better support these issues.

Gina Darin and David Pegos highlighted Dr. Nobua-Behrmann's presentation as one the secretaries felt was most strongly aligned with presenting the invasive species threat and the ask for support on solutions that would help to mitigate that threat. Secretary Crowfoot also suggested the State Parks could be monitoring opportunity to expand the efforts for SAPW.

Gina shared that Secretary Crowfoot asked for a follow up on the Golden Mussel Task Force presentation and wanted to better understand how the agencies are working together and what is still needed to support these efforts from the ISCC. Gina shared that Secretary Ross would like the consideration of a “climate change lens” in the projects that CISAC funds. Additionally, Secretary Ross requested strategic planning for Invasive Species Summit. There should be consideration of the role for the ISCC itself in a broad perspective and a three-to-five-year outlook to be regarded for the summit.

Secretary Crowfoot understands the value of inter-agency efforts and would like to see more information on the following items:

- Where is there overlap between agencies?
- Are there overlapping responsibilities and resources that can be shared?
- What are best practices and management techniques?
- Clarity on who are the authorities on certain species?
- Are there management gaps that can be identified?
- Are there resource needs for key priorities?

Secretary Crowfoot asked for CISAC’s recommendation on how ISCC can take a more cohesive management approach on invasive species.

Gina suggested creating a list on the CISAC webpage showing regional inter-agency cross collaboration, geographical scope, and taxa to help identify the gaps and provide information to the ISCC. Dr. Lynch suggested a network analysis showing a list of information showing the CISAC members, which agency/organization they are from, the taxa they work on, partnerships on those issues and what are the challenges faced in addressing those invasive species issues. This would provide a visual representation of the relationships between agencies and partnerships CISAC hosts and the invasive species of key priorities. David Haviland concurred with creating flowchart type of display to showcase the interactions across the state and the collaborative efforts.

Martha Volkoff noted the possibility of funds/no funds should be taken into consideration with these suggestions to challenges or gaps faced. While suggestions can provide answers, funding availability will play a role in the ability to strengthen networks and create opportunities. By identifying the lack of funding for some of the issues, that challenge can be shared with the ISCC secretaries to better inform them of their capability to provide solutions, especially where CISAC faces limitations. Dr. Lara voiced support for the network analysis and agreed that by capturing this data we can show room for improvement and the funding that’s available and where there are gaps to work on.

Gina Darin, also noted Secretary Crowfoot, would like outcomes from the summit to capture five-to-ten invasive species threats, taxa/pathways and the solutions to address those threats. Other areas of interest that CISAC members pointed out to address to the secretaries included potential overlaps with public health, Caltrans districts, and collaborative pathways. Additional recommendations from Secretary Crowfoot were to elevate threats to be visible at executive level, clear requests of what ISCC can do from

every presentation given to secretaries, meet with the secretaries more often and draft concepts for ISCC to review.

Goals for Invasive Species Advisory Committee 2026

1. Identify cross-agency collaboration opportunities.
2. Host a high-quality Invasive Species and Tours and Summit.
3. Distribute Proposition 4 funds.

Gina Darin proposed the executive committee take on the first goal of providing the cross-agency collaboration. The committee went around the room and had members share their expectations and goals for CISAC. Dr. Lara appreciates learning about other ecological achievements and contributions towards other sectors/ and understanding the natural resources needs. Dr. Sutherland-Ashley looks forward to seeing opportunities related to human health as CISAC takes a more comprehensive perspective on collaboration. Dr. Lynch would like to push for progress on ISHB research to support management decisions.

Superna would like to see further collaboration on weed management areas (WMA), and to continue collaborating with CDFA. Tim respects the need for collaboration but emphasized considering if collaboration will lead to action on key issues. Humberto would like to highlight the success of prevention efforts such as the dog teams, as a tool for early detection of invasive species. Dr. Blosser looks forward to contributing to broader public health connections to public health. Dr. Nobua-Behrmann noted there is collaboration and action planned but the issue of funding is what hinders progress on these key issues. Chris Scianni supported Humberto's suggestion of highlighting prevention activities and pathway management of species-specific issues.

Gina Darin led the discussion on leveraging existing cross-agency collaboration by examining successful programs funded. She would like the WMAs to be a high priority to present to ISCC and members agreed they serve as a good model for leveraging funds. WMAs were a high priority issue selected from the last summit that has been successful in obtaining funding and collaborating. Members agreed that it is important to demonstrate the need for consistent funding and show the impact of investments to the WMA with quantifiable evidence.

There was a suggestion to ask ISCC to send a member for WMAs as agency representative for further collaboration. Some members suggested developing a subcommittee to focus on this topic. Others suggested using a working group for information gathering and then presenting that to CISAC to give recommendations to the ISCC. Martha added that this issue crosses multiple agencies and may serve as an incentive for a priority funding pathway. She also suggested modernizing invasive species management as a contemporary issue that the secretaries can elevate to higher levels.

Martha led the discussion on the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan.

The document was an interagency plan created and published in 2008 and has not been updated in some time. There is revision needed, hindered by lack of staffing and program capacity. There are challenges such as jurisdiction issues, where permission and authority over land is not defined. Other roadblocks are the California Environmental Quality Act exemptions needed. There is also opportunity for interagency collaboration as there are various groups involved such as WMAs, local county agriculture commissioners, CDFA and DWR. Creating a subcommittee to work on a proposal would allow for collaboration and integrate solutions to roadblocks. If there are legislative changes needed, informing the NRA secretary would be beneficial in bolstering support. The Invasive Species Summit can be used to flesh out ideas as part of developing and informing an action plan.

The University of California (UC) Program Teams discussion was led by Dr. Nobua Behrmann. The push for the new programmatic structure was spurred by strategic initiatives the UC wants to reach as an institution. The teams are organized as follows: Agronomy and Horticulture, Animal Production Systems, Community and Economic Development, Integrated Pest Management, Natural Ecosystems and Working Landscapes, Youth, Families, and Communities.

For CISAC's purpose, invasive species could be regarded in these programmatic teams. The program teams convene and present opportunities where they create workgroups for specific projects. Collaboration from non-UC folks can be beneficial to these program teams and their work groups. There were suggestions from CISAC members to highlight needs by presenting species to bring awareness. CISAC can engage the working groups by reaching out to the team leaders. Tom Getts will be a great connection to help collaborate with program teams.

Gina asked the CISAC members about other connections and resources to leverage. Dr. Lynch suggested the CISAC ISHB Subcommittee as a great case study of collaborative governance. The subcommittee was able to capture different interests from groups engaged in the issue and helped inform actions on addressing the growing issue. This showed the precedent on how effective and rapid decisions can be made through collaboration.

Doug Johnson suggested also looking at the DPR in connection with SPM. DPR is creating a list of products they want to phase out to meet the initiative. But there is concern in the WMA community about the impact of these restrictions, such as the potential loss of active ingredients used in weed management. The SPM process has never involved communities such as WMA and ecological restoration as the focus is on agriculture and urban uses. He recommended having representatives from these groups assist DPR in developing recommendations to mitigate further issues.

Another issue highlighted by Doug was the impact of DPR licensing for urban pesticide use in the field of Invasive Pest Management. DPR has added a new license requirement for pesticide applicators and there is concern that it may create confusion

for applicators. He suggested due to the unique application type to look at whether there should be specific licensing for wildlife and weed management people and agencies to follow regulations or code. The committee members suggested bringing this forward to the secretaries for awareness so there is representation from WMAs informing the pest management. Victoria suggested reaching out to Sapna, Chief of the SPM branch at DPR. She oversees the roadmap implementation and can be a beneficial contact.

Dr. Lara provided a suggestion on other connections and resources to leverage. He brought up the benefit of biocontrol in connection with leveraging resources. Even though we have many resources in California, we are not self-sufficient because some of the invasive species come from various locations, requiring sourcing biocontrol from their origin. He asked the committee to consider how we maintain diplomatic relationships and execute agreements with partners outside of California and internationally to better source agents from the origin.

Brian Gress from DPR spoke on the implementation of SPM. He went over the intent of the roadmap which prioritizes prevention and exclusion. They want to seek out diverse range of voices to help with implementing SPM goals tools, and practices. They have created two new committees, the Scientific Prioritization and Review Committee (SPARC), which will look at prioritizing pesticide for evaluation and mitigation, and the SPM advisory committee to help implement SPM and identify alternative products. He reminded the committee there are opportunities to engage as public member.

Trevor Fox, CDFA talked about why Resource Conservation Districts (RCD) are crucial to WMA efforts. The RCDs continue to support the WMAs activities when there are gaps between the local county agriculture commissioners and RCDs. The new focus with WMAs is trying to get collaboration with Caltrans through data sharing regarding weed operations and developing the priority weed list. WMAs want to be involved in the conversation with Caltrans. There is progress on the WMA Advisory Committee and they are assembling packets, to send to Secretary Ross for approval.

Public Comment:

Jenny Ketterlin commented on the cold-tolerant alligator weed biocontrol agent research, noting that biocontrol development for the alligator weed flea beetle has stalled due to a reduction in federal funding.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m. The next scheduled California Invasive Species Advisory Committee meeting is to be determined.

4. February 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes

**California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC)
February 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

CISAC Members:

Erik Blosser	Humberto Izquierdo	Chris Scianni
Tim Crothers	Ricky Lara	Katie Sutherland-Ashley
Gina Darin	Shannon Lynch	Martha Volkoff
Tom Getts	Lori Nezhura*	Lisa Worthington
Ted Grosholz	Bea Nobua-Behrmann*	

Virtual (agenda address posted) *

CISAC Members Absent:

Stacy Hishinuma	David Haviland	
Helene Wright	Brent Johnson	

Guests:

Jonathan Babineau	Doug Johnson	Cris Sarabia
Elizabeth Brusati	Jasmine Lopez	Steve Schoenig
Brad Cook	Stephanie Lucero	Christopher Shogren
Leah Elwell	Tanya Meyer	Cherie Shook
Jim Farrar	David Pegos	Jonathan Thompson
Nathan Fishburn	Nicholas Rasmussen	Tyler Tkachuk
Lindsey Hack	Jhalendra Rijal	
Heather Healy	Paul Rugman-Jones	
Victoria Hornbaker	Ambika Saini	

Opening:

The California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on February 19th, 2026. Gina Darin welcomed committee members, guests, and staff.

Committee Business:

Quorum met, no action on committee business.

Victoria Hornbaker provided the members with a briefing on the onboarding process and outlined the remaining steps that members needed to complete by March 15th. She asked members to respond to doodle polls for scheduling the next quarterly meeting dates, three to four weeks prior to the ISCC meetings. She informed members that there will be a new standardized agenda format for CISAC meetings moving forward. Additionally, any materials to be shared during the meetings must be posted at least ten days in advance.

The new fiscal display was presented to the members. Discussion took place among members about which type of display would best convey the relevant details for the committee.

Gina asked the committee if anyone was interested in serving in the vice-chair or secretary positions. Dr. Bea Nobua-Behrmann and Lisa Worthington expressed interest in the vice-chair position.

Gina and Victoria shared the CISAC charter and proposed edits to the existing charter. For the scope and objectives section, Gina proposed removing “stakeholders” from the language of the charter and replacing it with “interested parties”. Lisa asked if the description of the duties section of the charter could separate the duties and the deliverables. Members deliberated on the service period of the term a member can be appointed. Further changes will continue to be discussed at another time.

Leah Elwell from the Western Regional Panel presented information about the Aquatic Nuisance Species September meeting in Sacramento. She requested support in sponsorship for the organization. There was support vocalized by members in CISAC providing sponsorship.

Discussion:

Dr. Shannon Lynch provided a summary from the CISAC subcommittee on Outreach and Education for the Invasive Species Summit and Tours meeting. The secretaries would consider a successful outcome from the summit and tours, knowing five to ten threats of invasive species and pathways, and steps forward. Another important perspective to consider is how climate change influences those top threats. The subcommittee discussed four goals for the summit and tours.

1. Identify major invasive species threats to California’s agriculture, natural resources, and unique biodiversity.
2. Increase government officials understanding of California’s pest prevention systems.
3. Identify three to five realistic actions to address invasive species threats over the next three to five years.
4. Improve cross jurisdictional coordination and accountability within California’s pest prevention systems.

Lisa suggested changing the second goal to “increase government officials understanding of solutions to address invasive species threats”. Dr. Ted Grosholz recalled from the last summit that the dot stickers were used to highlight top priorities and suggested using a similar type of exercise to identify where the gaps are. He suggested that a critical part of cross jurisdictional participation is by identifying where things are missing connections. Dr. Ricky Lara commented that specific activities from the summit and tours will support accomplishing the broad goals. Dr. Lynch also stated that a major focus for these sessions would be to analyze interagency collaboration performance, identify where gaps are, and what improvements are needed to address those gaps across networks.

Dr. Lynch brought up concerns about scheduling the summit and tours. There are two options the subcommittee would like to consider.

Option one would be to hold the Invasive Species Summit in January 2027; the California legislature calendar is open, and participation would help inform legislative action. Additionally, there would be a virtual summit or hybrid discussion in August or October 2026 after the invasive species tours. Topics of discussion would include identifying threats and actions in preparation for the January 2027 summit and maintaining momentum from the tours in the summer. Site visits for the tours would be planned between May and November 2026.

Option two would be to hold the Invasive Species Summit in August 2026 and hold site visits for the tours would be between May and June 2026. Benefits for this option include having the current legislature members in office.

If the summit is pushed to September or October 2026, there is concern that there would be significantly less legislative participation.

Martha Volkoff asked how tour attendees are selected. Dr. Lynch responded that the Committee will prioritize attendees and will include government/legislative participation, land managers, growers, invasive species management and other interested parties.

Gina brought up the discussion topic of leveraging existing cross-agency collaboration on Weed Management Areas (WMAs). WMAs were recognized by the committee as a high priority from the last invasive species summit and a successful program with consistent funding. Gina would like the committee to form a subcommittee or a working group and develop recommendations for the secretaries on this topic.

Tom Getts proposed forming a subcommittee or a working group for the WMAs. Gina highlighted that partnerships and collaborations have contributed to the success of the WMAs. Gina asked the committee if there was any opposition against forming a new subcommittee to put together recommendations for the secretaries on sustainable funding for WMAs at CDFA. Victoria suggested forming a working group, which would have two CISAC members: Tom Getts and (second member to be determined). The working group would collaborate with the Weed Management Advisory Committee once it's formalized.

Gina broached the topic of Aquatic Weed Jurisdiction. She proposed forming a subcommittee or a working group to address this issue. Chris Schianni, Martha Volkoff, Humberto Izquierdo and Ted Grosholz all expressed interest in being part of a subcommittee on aquatic invasive species.

Gina inquired about where committee members were leaning on the two options presented to the committee for the Invasive Species Summit and Tours. Option one is holding the summit in January 2027, and option two is holding the summit in August

2026. The committee’s results were mixed, and recommendations will be given to the secretaries to decide at the next ISCC March meeting.

Public Comment:

Doug Johnson from Cal-IPC acknowledged January 2027 would allow for more time to plan the Invasive Species Summit and Tours. He did say there was the factor of administrative change to consider as well.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 PM. The next scheduled California Invasive Species Advisory Committee meeting is to be scheduled after a doodle poll.

5. March 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

**California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC)
March 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

CISAC Members:

Tim Crothers*	Humberto Izquierdo	Chris Scianni*
Gina Darin	Ricky Lara	Lisa Worthington
Tom Getts*	Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann*	Martha Volkoff
Stacy Hishinuma*		

*Virtual

CISAC Members Absent:

Erik Blosser	Shannon Lynch	Lori Nezhura
Ted Grosholz	David Haviland	Katie Sutherland-Ashley

Guests:

Elizabeth Brusati	Fabian Hurtado	LaChandra Marzetta
Kim Corella	Virginia Jameson	Samuel Morales
K Doran	Doug Johnson	Rose Nguyen
Travis Elder	David Juliano	Randall Oliver
Curtis Ewing	Jordan Key	Michelle Owino
Evonne Fell	Stephanie Lucero	Abby Taylor-Silva
Kris Godfrey	Kevi Mace	Neil Tsutsui
Heather Healy	Dahmoon Maesomy	

Staff:

Jonathan Babineau	David Pegos	Ambika Saini
Victoria Hornbaker		

Opening:

The California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on March 12th, 2026. Gina Darin welcomed committee members, guests, and staff.

Committee Business:

The consent agenda was presented to the committee, however a quorum was not met, so there was no action on committee business.

Update to Committee Appointments

Victoria Hornbaker provided an update on the committee appointments. Ambika Saini informed the committee that there is only one member pending onboarding. Helene Wright has given notice that she will no longer serve on the CISAC and Secretary Ross has appointed Kevi Mace, Supervising Senior Environmental Scientist, for the Office of Pesticide Consultation and Analysis at the California Department of Food and Agriculture as her replacement. Instructions for the Form 700 training portion for the onboarding will be sent out soon to members. David Pegos will work on a press release for the remaining two open positions.

Approval of Proposed Dates for the 2026 CISAC Meetings

The proposed dates for the 2026 CISAC meetings were shared with the members, approval will have to be obtained at the next meeting. The proposed dates are June 4th 2026, September 17th 2026, and October 29th, 2026.

Election of Committee Vice-Chair and Secretary

Gina announced that the vice-chair and secretary positions are open to members for consideration. The election of the vice-chair and secretary positions will be moved to the next meeting. Dr. Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann and Lisa Worthington both expressed interest in the vice-chair position last year.

Review and Approve CISAC Charter Amendments

Martha Volkoff suggested a version that reflects changes that are ADA compliant to capture changes and show the progress made. Gina commented removing the use of “stakeholder” from the language and replace it with “interested parties”. Chris Scianni recommended having one consistent use of “CISAC vs The CISAC” when referenced in the document. There was a suggestion to refer to the Food and Agriculture code and the original by-laws for reference.

The description of duties section of the charter was discussed next. Lisa Worthington suggested the portion outlining, “provide advice and recommendations to the ISCC relating to the ISCC’s role in...” needs to clarify the expectation of CISAC from the ISCC. Dr. Ricky Lara agreed to keep the charter language broad, and urged caution when using specific language to not restrict the activities outlined. Gina asked Lisa to provide recommendations for alternative language for that section. To provide a better understanding Victoria suggested to the members to think of this as by-laws instead of a charter. Lisa remarked that explained the deliverables and the work plan actions expected from the ISCC of the CISAC.

The section describing the committee member terms of service was discussed next. Gina asked the committee if the duration of the term should be changed, there was no decision on that. The edit added by Tom Getts to the language, “at the discretion of the

ISCC” versus in special circumstances” was saved. David reminded committee members that CISAC appointments are under direction of the secretary’s choice and there may be changes after this year’s election. After consultation, it was determined that the option of a proxy voter would not be allowed, those suggested edits to the charter were removed.

Discussion moved to the subcommittee listing on the charter. Dr. Nobua-Behrmann commented that the Invasive Shot Hole Borer Subcommittee needs to be listed, that edit was added. Martha suggested changing, “The Committee may *form* subcommittees” versus the current language of “The Committee may *appoint* subcommittees”. Humberto Izquierdo suggested removing the other subcommittees that do not exist and Martha suggested listing none on the charter document. Dr. Lara commented on adding working group to the charter for transparency. The edit for working group was changed from “Subgroup” to “Working groups”. The edited charter will be reviewed and compared to the previously approved charter at the next meeting.

Review and Approve Prop 4 Grant Framework

Victoria presented the proposed grant application to the committee. The first edit suggested from the committee was to remove “control” from the Invasive Species Control Grants title. The second edit suggested was to adjust the minimum funding amount from \$100,000 to \$250,000. Members asked if the twenty-four-month period was too short of project duration timeframe. Victoria clarified due to rules of the bond funds; there are only two years to spend the funds, and the countdown would be from the execution of the contract start date.

Virginia Jameson additionally added there may be a possibility of extending the twenty-four-month period, but it is not guaranteed and for contracting purposes the twenty-four-month period will be the standard. Virginia will consult with the grants office for more information on the grant implementation period and the liquidation deadline and provide that information at the next meeting. Doug Johnson from the California Invasive Plant Council commented that the twenty-four-month period is too short for some projects.

The third edit was suggested by Humberto to form a Technical Assistance Subcommittee to boost efficiency and processing. Martha agreed with Humberto and asked how the application score would be factored into to make project recommendations to the ISCC. Tom commented on the technical review; committee members should exclude themselves from grant review on a particular project they may be involved with. Dr. Lara suggested assigning committee members a subset number of grant applications for review. Victoria wrapped up the presentation with next steps outlined for the Invasive Species Grant.

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

Gina proposed the Sponsorship of 2026 Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species to the committee. The panel will be taking place in Sacramento, California from September 23rd through the 25th. The panel will feature two days of conference

presentations, discussions and networking and will highlight invasive species challenges in California such as the golden mussel. Additionally, Gina asked the committee for feedback on the sponsorship framework she drafted. The proposed framework would establish guidelines for CISAC for making decisions on sponsorship requests. David reminded the committee that approval will be required from ISCC, as CISAC can only provide the recommendation to the secretaries.

New Fiscal Display

The CISAC funding dashboard display was presented by Michelle Owino to the committee.

Review CISAC Presentation to the ISCC

Lastly, in preparation for the upcoming March 16th ISCC meeting, Gina shared that she would present on the status of the 2026 CISAC goals, the Outreach and Education Subcommittee, Cross Agency Collaboration and Weed Management Areas to the secretaries.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next scheduled California Invasive Species Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for June 4th, 2026 at 10:00 am.

6. Approval of Proposed Dates for the 2026 CISAC Meetings

- **June 10th prior to July 6th ISCC Meeting**
- **September 17th prior to October 12th ISCC Meeting**
- **October 29th prior to December 7th ISCC Meeting**