California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee?

The purpose and role of the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee is to provide advice to the Invasive Species Council of California on a broad array of issues related to preventing the introduction of invasive species and providing for their control and/or eradication, as well as minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause.

The role of the CISAC is to maintain a regular dialogue regarding the aforementioned issues. CISAC works in cooperation with other stakeholders and existing organizations addressing invasive species.

Q. How will the CISAC members be chosen?

Members will be selected by the Invasive Species Council of California Co-Chairs to achieve a balanced representation of viewpoints.

Q. What are the terms of the CISAC?

No member may serve on the CISAC for more than two (2) consecutive terms. All terms are limited to three (3) years in length.

Q. Do CISAC members receive compensation?

Members of the CISAC and its subcommittees will serve without pay. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services of the CISAC, members, to the extent funding is available, may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence.

Q. What are the time requirements/ expectations of prospective CISAC members?

CISAC members are expected to attend quarterly CISAC meetings. Additionally, members participating in sub-groups or working on CISAC projects, may require more time.

Q. What is the make-up of the CISAC?

The CISAC consists of 19 members, as follows:

- Four members designated by the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture;
- Four members designated by the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency;
- One member appointed by the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency;
- One member appointed by the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency;
- One member appointed by the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency;
- One member appointed by the Director of Emergency Services;
- One member appointed by the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association;
- Six members appointed by the cochairs of the Invasive Species Council of California to create a diverse makeup of federal, nonprofit organization, tribal, industry, and other representatives.