

**California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC)
October 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

CISAC Members:

Tim Crothers	Stacy Hishinuma	Steve Schoenig
Tom Getts	Brent Johnson	Katie Sutherland-Ashley
Ted Grosholz	Ricky Lara	Martha Volkoff
John Hackett	Shannon Lynch	Koren Widdel
David Haviland	Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann	

CISAC Members Absent

Gina Darin	Lori Nezhura	Helene Wright
Vicki Kramer		

Guests:

Jonathan Babineau	Doug Johnson	Stephanie Ponce
Elizabeth Brusati	John Kabashima	David Pegos
Kim Corella	Brenda Kanno	Christopher Shogren
Danny Fry	Jordan Key	Stephen Tachiera
Carmen Gispert	Jessica La Belle	Roosevelt Tarlesson
Mel Graham	Karen Lowerison	David Wirta
Katie Harrell	James McIntosh	Kim Wehinger
Linda Haque		

Opening

The meeting of the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on October 25, 2022 held at the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA).

Chair Martha Volkoff welcomed committee members, guests and staff.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

All CISAC members and guests gave updates, including discussion on: the Western Regional Panel; California Pest Council meetings; the Cal-IPC Symposium; Oak Symposium; Landscape Expo; Bark Beetle Academy; the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA) annual meeting; a League of Cities event; the Farm-to-Fork event; International Sportsmen's Expo; arborist workshops; and an interagency spotted lanternfly action group.

The board members made amendments to previous CISAC meeting minutes prior to approving the minutes.

Motion: To approve the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee meeting minutes as amended for the July 26, 2022 meeting.

First: Ted Grosholz

Second: Tom Smith

Motion carries: The motion passed with 13 yays (Tim Crothers, Tom Getts, Ted

Grosholz, John Hackett, David Haviland, Brent Johnson, Lara Ricky, Shannon Lynch, Bea Nobua-Behrmann, Steve Schoenig, Tom Smith, Martha Volkoff, and Koren Widdel) and 1 abstain (Stacy Hishinuma)

CISAC meeting dates for 2023 were presented and amended to:

- January 24, 2023
- April 18, 2023
- July 25, 2023
- October 24, 2023

Motion: To approve the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee meeting dates as amended for Year 2023.

First: Martha Volkoff

Second: David Haviland

Motion carries: The motion passed with 13 yays (Tim Crothers, Tom Getts, Ted Grosholz, John Hackett, David Haviland, Brent Johnson, Lara Ricky, Shannon Lynch, Bea Nobua-Behrmann, Steve Schoenig, Tom Smith, Martha Volkoff, and Koren Widdel) and 1 abstain (Stacy Hishinuma)

David Pegos noted that due to a variance from the Bagley-Keene Act, board members can vote while attending from a non-public remote location until July 1, 2023.

He stated that each year, the CISAC Chair becomes the Past Chair, the Vice-Chair becomes the Chair, and a new Vice-Chair and Secretary must be voted in by the Committee.

Motion: To approve Secretary Shannon Lynch as the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee Vice-Chair.

First: Shannon Lynch

Second: Tom Smith

Motion carries: The motion passed with 13 yays (Tim Crothers, Tom Getts, Ted Grosholz, John Hackett, David Haviland, Brent Johnson, Lara Ricky, Shannon Lynch, Bea Nobua-Behrmann, Steve Schoenig, Tom Smith, Martha Volkoff, and Koren Widdel) and 1 abstain (Stacy Hishinuma)

Motion: To approve Tom Smith as the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee Secretary.

First: Tom Smith

Second: Shannon Lynch

Motion carries: The motion passed with 13 yays (Tim Crothers, Tom Getts, Ted Grosholz, John Hackett, David Haviland, Brent Johnson, Lara Ricky, Shannon Lynch, Bea Nobua-Behrmann, Steve Schoenig, Tom Smith, Martha Volkoff, and Koren Widdel) and 1 abstain (Stacy Hishinuma)

PRESENTATIONS

Request for Proposal Presentation

Martha Volkoff stated that Stephen Tachiera presented a sample Request for Proposal (RFP) draft at the July 2022 CISAC meeting. The Grants Process Subcommittee met twice to refine the RFP language, including making the language more inclusive to all CISAC member agency interests. The revised RFP draft was presented to the Committee and further adjusted to:

- Not unfairly advantage existing programs
- Clarify project length and fund matching
- Vendors should have a presentation for deliverables
- Potentially allowing specific expenses, with approval
- Specifying project and applicant eligibility
- Adjusted applicant information and project narrative
- Adding submission tutorial

Weed Management Area Recommendation Reallocation

Jordan Key delivered a synopsis of the San Diego *Volutaria* program. He explained *Volutaria* impacts land value agriculture, reducing crop yield, consuming water and the superblooms could lower biodiversity. They have been using funding from CDFA, San Diego Association of Governments and the county public works department. The funding would be used to eliminate populations in highly-trafficked areas.

David Pegos stated that the previous CISAC meeting, \$1,000,000 was set aside for the two-year *Volutaria* project. Jordan Key can only allocate \$250,000 for that program. It was suggested that the remaining \$750,000 be evenly allocated to the remaining projects that can use it. Alternative suggestions were presented.

Motion: To approve the reallocation of the \$750,000 originally allocated to the *Volutaria* program to the other shovel-ready California Invasive Species Advisory Committee projects.

First: Ted Grosholz

Second: Tom Smith

Motion carries: The motion passed with 9 yays (Tim Crothers, Tom Getts, Ted Grosholz, John Hackett, David Haviland, Ricky Lara, Shannon Lynch, Tom Smith and Martha Volkoff) and 3 nays (Brent Johnson, Steve Schoenig and Koren Widdel)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m. The next scheduled CISAC meeting will take place on January 24, 2023 at the California Department of Food and Agriculture.