

## **California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) January 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

### **CISAC Members:**

Tim Crothers	Brent Johnson	Steve Schoenig
Gina Darin	Ricky Lara	Tom Smith
Tom Getts	Shannon Lynch	Katie Sutherland-Ashley
Ted Grosholz	Lori Nezhura	Martha Volkoff
John Hackett	Bea Nobua-Behrmann	Helene Wright
David Haviland		

### **CISAC Members Absent**

Stacy Hishinuma	Vicki Kramer	Koren Widdel
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### **Guests:**

Jonathan Babineau	Jimmy Hook	David Pegos
Elisabeth Brusati	Karen Jetter	Adrian Poloni
Joseph Deviney	Doug Johnson	Stephanie Ponce
Akif Eskalen	John Kabashima	Drew Raymond
Hans Feickert	Jennifer Ketterlin	Paul Rugman-Jones
Linda Haque	Carol Krieger	Ellen Walton
Krista Hoffmann	Octavia Parker	Mindy Wilkinson

### **Opening**

The meeting of the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on January 24, 2023 held at the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA).

New Chair Ted Grosholz welcomed committee members, guests and staff. He led the Committee members in the pledge of allegiance.

### **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

All CISAC members, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) staff and guests introduced themselves. Committee members and guests reported on management, monitoring, treatment, quarantine, outreach projects and news since the last CISAC meeting.

David Pegos explained that the second expected \$5,000,000 was not allotted to CISAC in the governor's budget. He briefly described the state of projects CISAC intends to fund:

- The Invasive Species summit and tours being discussed in the Outreach Subcommittee;
- The operational fund being used as needed.
- Working with the University of California Integrated Pest Management (UC IPM) on the living list and pathway prioritization projects;
- Discussing criteria for use of the reserve fund;
- Working with UC IPM to extend two Invasive Shot Hole Borer (ISHB) statewide outreach coordinator and trapping coordinator and to begin an ISHB Subcommittee

- to discuss distributing funds;
- Coordinating with San Diego County on the *Volutaria* project;
- Coordinating with Curtis Takahashi to expand the exotic wood borer survey statewide;
- To expand the Hydrilla program and distributing funds for the statewide aquatic invasive survey;
- Purchasing the incubators used for yellow star thistle biocontrol;
- Working on a Request For Proposal (RFP) for bid on the Plant Right program for the nursery industry;
- Working with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and Water Resources Board on *Caulerpa prolifera* eradication.

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

**Motion:** To approve the October 25, 2022 California Invasive Species Advisory Committee meeting minutes as amended.

**First:** Ted Grosholz

**Second:** Tim Crothers

**Motion carries:** The motion passed unanimously.

### **Invasive Shot Hole Borer Subcommittee Report**

David Pegos showed the Committee Dr. Jim Farrar's report on the seven existing ISHB projects and the statewide coordinator and trapping coordinator positions. Shannon Lynch listed the projects that were identified by the ISHB Subcommittee as being most valuable to pursue with the remaining ISHB funding.

Paul Rugman-Jones described a project to establish cooperative agreements with Thailand and Japanese researchers, collect ISHB-infested material and survey for natural enemies of ISHB in other parts of its native range, and survey invasive ISHB populations in California for indigenous parasitoids and predators.

Shannon described projects to predict ISHB *Fusarium dieback* spread over time across California using the iForm Builder platform to keep track of 260 monitoring plots, and to screen for naturally-occurring endophytes within infested trees and test their efficacy in suppressing *Fusarium* growth. Akif Eskalen described a project to determine the host range of *Fusarium dieback*, to inform risk assessments.

Karen Jetter described a project to expand an existing bioeconomic model to assess costs and benefits of ISHB monitoring in urban forests in Orange and Ventura Counties. The economic model will extend its calculations statewide and incorporate additional information.

David Pegos suggested using the remaining funds to increase trapping on the Channel Islands, increasing Firewood Task Force advertising, or increase social media efforts.

**Motion:** To approve the Invasive Shot Hole Borer projects as presented by Paul Rugman-Jones, Shannon Lynch, Akif Eskalen and Karen Jetter, leaving \$49,000 remaining funds to be decided by the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) Invasive Shot Hole Borer Subcommittee, overseen by the CISAC Executive Committee.

**First:** Ted Grosholz

**Second:** Tim Crothers

**Motion carries:** The motion passed with 13 yays (Tim Crothers, Gina Darin, Tom Getts, Ted Grosholz, John Hackett, David Haviland, Brent Johnson, Shannon Lynch, Lori Nezhura, Bea Nobua-Behrmann, Steve Schoenig, Tom Smith, Katie Sutherland-Ashley and Martha Volkoff) and one abstaining (Helene Wright).

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Develop Rapid Response Funding Request Process**

Martha Volkoff stated that CISAC will be defining the scope and limits of the process to request funding from CISAC's Rapid Response Fund. She suggested using a brief version of an RFP to record the requester's affiliation, need, and the scope of the work to be performed.

It was suggested to use a Rapid Response Subcommittee to adjust the RFP for this purpose. There were suggestions to put a \$100,000 cap on requests to the Rapid Response Fund with a caveat that higher amounts can be considered if sufficiently justified.

### **Outreach Subcommittee**

David Pegos stated that the CISAC Outreach and Education Subcommittee will be holding reoccurring meetings to decide details on four Invasive Species tours (Northern California, Central California, Southern California and one for the legislators) and an Invasive Species Summit. The Outreach and Education Subcommittee will also be holding meetings for California Invasive Species Action Week.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m. The next scheduled CISAC meeting will take place on May 2, 2023 at the California Department of Food and Agriculture.