

**California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC)
May 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

CISAC Members:

Tim Crothers	Ricky Lara	Tom Smith
Gina Darin	Shannon Lynch	Katie Sutherland-Ashley
Tom Getts	Danielle Ruiz	Martha Volkoff
Ted Grosholz	Steve Schoenig	Koren Widdel
Brent Johnson		

CISAC Members Absent

David Haviland	Vicki Kramer	Bea Nobua-Behrmann
Stacy Hishinuma	Lori Nezhura	Helene Wright

Guests:

Jonathan Babineau	John Kabashima	David Pegos
Elizabeth Brusati	David Morgan	Chris Shogren
Joe Deviney	Randall Oliver	Claudia Vazquez
Katie Harrell	Kelly Parkins	Jeremy Wagner
Doug Johnson	Mackenzie Patton	Rachel Wigginton

Opening

The meeting of the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on May 2, 2023 held at the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA).

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 new invasive pest and disease finds and treatments, biocontrol agent releases, management plans, outreach projects and other news since the last CISAC meeting.

The board members reviewed and approved the previous CISAC meeting minutes.

Motion: To approve the January 24, 2023 California Invasive Species Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

First: Tom Smith

Second: Ted Grosholz

Motion carries: The motion passed with 12 yays (Tim Crothers, Gina Darin, Tom Getts, Ted Grosholz, Danielle Ruiz, Brent Johnson, Ricky Lara, Shannon Lynch, Steve Schoenig, Tom Smith, Katie Sutherland-Ashley and Martha Volkoff) and one abstaining (Koren Widdel).

David Pegos presented in-progress agreements for reverted Invasive Shot Hole Borer

funds: testing endophyte efficacy, determine crop susceptibility, foreign exploration and international cooperation, expanding the bioeconomic model, reinvigorating the state fair's insect pavilion and trapping on Catalina island.

David Pegos reviewed the status of the CISAC-recommended projects being executed. CDFA staff are working to secure an agreement with University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) for the Invasive Species Tours and a facilitation agreement for the Invasive Species Summit, with San Diego county staff for the *Volutaria tubliflora* project, and with California State Water Resources Control Board for the *Caulerpa prolifera* project. Funding has been provided to David Waetjen to update the 'living list' and to supplement the pest prevention analysis with a path prioritization deliverable. Talks have begun on expanding the statewide exotic wood borer survey and statewide aquatic invasive survey. A Request For Proposal is in progress for the Plant Right project, and the duty statement to hire a two-year limited term support for ISCC/CISAC. Biocontrol incubators for yellow star thistle have been purchased and await delivery.

Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination Team

Rachel Wigginton of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy presented an update from the Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination (DIISC) Team. She explained that the San Francisco Bay Delta Estuary has a lot of invasion pressure: floating and submerged aquatic plants like ribbon weed that can clog waterways, emergent and terrestrial plants such as Johnsongrass, invertebrates like the Asian clam that can filter feed and eat the base of the food web, and vertebrates like nutria whose burrowing activity can destabilize levees.

The DIISC has quarterly team meetings and biennial symposia to exchange information, research and management, and to leverage funding to solve issues facing the delta. This includes investigating restoration techniques that limit invasions of tidal wetlands and techniques for controlling *phragmites*. She noted that ecological tolerances of native species used must be considered during restorations, and that different stress regimes can exist within a single site. The *phragmites* control test was to prove that strategic herbicide treatments can be done in critically endangered habitats without having off-target effects.

Invasive Shot Hole Borer (ISHB) Subcommittee Report

David Pegos stated that CDFA is pursuing an agreement to use ISHB funds to support two strategic positions: the statewide ISHB survey and trapping coordinator and the statewide ISHB communications coordinator. Additional funds will go to the lab for surveying, and for statewide trapping and trapping supplies. An ISHB Subcommittee meeting will be held to decide on fund allocation.

PRESENTATIONS

Rapid Response Process Subcommittee Report

Martha Volkoff stated that the Rapid Response Process Subcommittee is developing an application for prospective project applicants. The Subcommittee recommended a \$100,000 cap for applications with potential to ask for additional funds given sufficient

justification. David stated that the Rapid Response Process Subcommittee will present an updated application at the next CISAC meeting.

Outreach Subcommittee Report

Elizabeth Brusati presented an update on Invasive Species Action Week. She described the monthly Speaker Series panel discussions, the statewide list of events, the media toolkit for social media, and requested CISAC help judge the applicants for the Action Week video contest.

David Pegos presented an update on the Invasive Species tours. The Outreach and Education Subcommittee is planning four tours in autumn of 2023, three of which will be open to the public. The tours will begin at Redding, at Sacramento, and at an undecided location in Riverside, Orange or San Diego Counties. The tours will last for three days and two nights, and travel east and west of the central hub to a variety of pest prevention locales. The fourth tour would be shorter and focus on legislators and legislator staff. The Outreach and Education Subcommittee will continue populating the attendee list. Subcommittee staff will reach out to contract with UC ANR for logistical issues.

Shannon Lynch explained that the Subcommittee populated a map with 64 different invasive species management and prevention-related locations across taxa. David Pegos will contact the County Agricultural Commissioners to assist with refining the map. He suggested setting some money aside for scholarships to attend the tours and summit.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m. The next scheduled CISAC meeting will take place on July 25, 2023 at the California Department of Food and Agriculture.