

**California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC)
July 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

CISAC Members:

Tim Crothers	Ricky Lara	Tom Smith
Gina Darin	Lori Nezhura	Katherine Vanderwall
Ted Grosholz	Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann	Martha Volkoff
David Haviland	Steve Schoenig	

CISAC Members Attending But Not Voting:

Tom Getts	Shannon Lynch	Danielle Ruiz
Stacy Hishinuma		

CISAC Members Absent:

Brent Johnson	Katie Sutherland-Ashley	Helene Wright
Vicki Kramer		

Guests:

Jonathan Babineau	John Hackett	Randall Oliver
Peter Brastow	Beverly Hammond	Kelly Parkins
Elizabeth Brusati	Patrick Hoffman	MacKenzie Patton
Gabriel Chan	Doug Johnson	Nick Rasmusse
Rob Clark	Ed King	Jonathan Thompson
Sam Conant	Karen Lowerison	Nikki Valentine
Brad Cook	Kevin Martyn	Claudia Vazquez
Kim Corella	Michele Masiello	Dave Waetjen
Melissa Cregan	Tanya Meyer	Janessa Weingang

Opening

The meeting of the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on July 25, 2023.

Ted Grosholz welcomed committee members, guests and staff.

Public Comments

No public comments were made by board members.

SUBCOMMITTEE BUSINESS

The California Invasive Species Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the meeting minutes for the May 2, 2023 California Invasive Species Advisory Committee meeting.

Motion: To approve the May 2, 2023 California Invasive Species Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

First: Ted Grosholz

Second: Gina Darin

Motion carries: The motion passed unanimously.

CISAC members and the representatives of partner agencies gave updates about their progress and current efforts to the Committee. David Haviland announced that the University of California Integrated Pest Management program is increasing their capacity by hiring 84 advisors and 22 specialists, including pathologists, lead scientists, entomologists and integrated pest management specialists.

Gina Darin announced that the California Department of Water Resources (CDWR)'s Fish Restoration Program is on track to restore over 8,000 acres of tidal habitat in the Delta. The Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination team is currently beginning plans for their upcoming Delta invasive Species Symposium, to be held at UC Davis or the Natural Resources Agency building in November or December of this year. The Department of Water Resources supports the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)'s nutria eradication program.

Ted Grosholz, the chair of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force's European Green Crab Management Plan, announced that the management plan has been submitted to the national task force and has been sent to the federal register.

Steve Schoenig announced that the California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) will be holding their annual symposium of 2023 in Chico from October 25th to October 28th.

Martha Volkoff updated the committee regarding her work on rapid response capacity funding support. Martha also announced that she is working on workgroup revisions to the New Zealand Mudsnail National Management Plan and aims to present the plan at the next Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force meeting in October. There has been a new detection of New Zealand Mudsnails in an anadromous hatchery. The infestation is being targeted for delineation and searching for planting locations for fish in the infested hatchery. Internal steps are being taken to prevent the spread of New Zealand Mudsnails to uninfested watersheds through the vector of hatchery stalking. The CDFW's Invasive Species Program includes nerodia water snake eradication efforts in Roseville and Folsom. The Roseville eradication efforts have not resulted in the capture of any nerodia water snakes for four consecutive years, which could indicate that the snakes are no longer present. The eradication efforts in the Folsom location have resulted in more captures than ever previously measured. CDFW is attempting to determine if Environmental DNA can be used to effectively detect the presence of water snakes.

Lori Nezhura of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) informed the committee that the current budget includes new funding for a hazard mitigation and resilience unit. Lori will follow up with the committee about invasive species programs' eligibility to receive funding from federal hazard mitigation funds, state Prepare California funds, or other hazard mitigation funding that will be appropriated to Cal OES. The State Emergency plan, which provides the framework for emergency response across state agencies throughout California, is currently undergoing its revision process and opportunities to offer public comment regarding the process will begin on August 1st and will last 45 days.

Ricky Lara updated the committee about ongoing field work of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)'s Biological Control Program. They conducted a Spanish-language pest control workshop at the Abba Organics Non-Profit center in Salinas, which provides land based training to underrepresented members of the agricultural community. The Entomological Society of America will be holding a meeting in November.

Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann updated the committee on the Southern California Emerging Tree Pests Programs.

Tom Smith announced that the National Forest Health Monitoring Conference will be held in Sacramento in April of 2024.

Stacy Hishinuma reported to the committee that the United States Forest Service is supporting two grants with CDFA; one grant to monitor Emerald Ash Borer and another grant to create an Emerald Ash Borer response plan.

Tim Crothers reported that treatments for Goldspotted Oak Borer in Orange County parks were completed last May. These efforts included trunk injections for 199 trees in O'Neill Regional Park.

Tom Getts updated the committee about field season preparations and a project headed by Cal-IPC in collaboration with UC IPM with funding from EPR to develop sprayer calibration trainings for wildland applicators, hosting educational workshops, and developing videos to be posted online. The first training was held in Riverside in June and produced useful feedback and video footage. The second training for parties interested in wildland weed control will be held at the Cal-IPC symposium in October. Northeastern California is experiencing severe problems with grasshopper populations.

Danielle Ruiz updated the committee about the California Department of Transportation's work towards reaching alignment with the standards set by upcoming state legislation.

Rapid Response Subcommittee

Martha Volkoff provided the committee with context of the development of a rapid response funding application which will be used when a quick response is needed and no existing organization has funding to assess or respond to a new threat. The Rapid Response Subcommittee has met three times to develop the application process. The committee reviewed the rapid response funding application.

Steve Schoneig, Ted Grosholz, Martha Volkoff, Gina Darin, Shannon Lynch, Ricky Lara and David Haviland agreed to serve as members of the subcommittee that will review and approve or decline project applications for rapid funding. Tom Smith, Tom Getts and Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann agreed to serve as alternates.

The committee amended the application for clarity and inclusivity of applicants in areas lacking internet. The committee reviewed the evaluation criteria section of the rapid response funding application and discussed how the dynamics of scoring grant

applications will function in practice. The committee opted to remove the minimum score requirement for applicants to be considered for funding from the evaluation section.

A motion to approve the rapid response application draft as a proposal and concept came before the committee, with the intent of keeping the document open to potential edits for the purposes of clarity in the future.

Motion: To approve the draft proposal of the Rapid Response Application as amended, while keeping the document open to further edits for the purpose of clarity.

First: Steve Schoenig

Second: Tom Smith

Motion carries: The motion passed unanimously.

Living Invasive Species List Presentation

Dave Waetjen gave the committee a presentation regarding the CISAC's Invasive Species List of California and gave context around the ongoing work of populating and updating the living list's searchable index of graded pest scorecards.

Michelle Dennis gave a presentation to the committee about weed management areas. Topics covered in the presentation included a history of the funding of CDFA's weed program since 2010, details around the 2023 Noxious Weed Grant Program and the CDFA's goals regarding weed management areas and regional priority areas.

\$5,000,000 Budget from Invasive Species Council of California

David Pegos provided the committee with a budget update and a review of projects.

Invasive Species Tour Update

The committee reviewed potential site locations for the invasive species tours. David Pegos provided updates on the progress made regarding tour planning and logistics to the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m. The next scheduled California Invasive Species Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2023 at 10:00 am.