

**California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC)  
Outreach & Education Subcommittee  
October 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**CISAC Subcommittee Members:**

Tim Crothers	David Haviland	Steve Schoenig
Tom Getts	Ricky Lara	Katherine Vanderwall
Ted Grosholz	Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann	

**CISAC Members Absent:**

Gina Darin	Lori Nezhura	Katie Sutherland-Ashley
Stacy Hishinuma	Danielle Ruiz	Martha Volkoff
Brent Johnson	Tom Smith	Helene Wright
Vicki Kramer		

**Staff & Guests:**

Jonathan Babineau	John Kabashima	David Pegos
Elizabeth Brusati	Carol Kreger	Drew Raymond
Gladys Bustos	David Morgan	Tracey Takeuchi
Linda Haque	Randall Oliver	Ellen Walton

**Opening**

David Pegos welcomed committee members, guests and staff to the meeting of the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) Outreach and Education Subcommittee at 10:00 a.m. on October 12, 2023.

**SUBCOMMITTEE BUSINESS**

The Outreach and Education Subcommittee reviewed and approved the meeting minutes for the September 28, 2023 Outreach and Education Subcommittee meeting.

David Pegos highlighted the pressures around fruit flies California is currently experiencing for the subcommittee. 2023 has been a record year for fruit fly issues; nine fruit fly quarantines are currently active in the state. San Bernadino County and the Redlands area in Riverside County are experiencing large Oriental fruit fly infestations. Queensland fruit flies have been detected in Ventura County. United States Department of Agriculture staff are assisting with on the ground trapping and treatment efforts for the first time in history. There is a Mediterranean fruit fly quarantine in Los Angeles County. Huanglongbing has also been detected in the growing area of Santa Paula in Ventura County.

David Haviland informed the subcommittee that Black Fig flies have recently been detected in Kern County and that samples are being sent to the CDFA to confirm the infestation. Carpophilus beetles may have also been detected in almonds in Northern California.

David Pegos updated the subcommittee around efforts to finalize the contract to obtain tour buses for the invasive species tours. The contract is on track to be executed before the December tour dates.

### **Invasive Species Tours**

The subcommittee revisited the discussion around the dates of the invasive species tours in Orange County, Shasta County and Sacramento County. Because of the availability of the Agricultural Commissioners and UC cooperative extensions of the respective counties, the Orange County tour will be held on Tuesday, December 5th, the Shasta County tour will be held on Thursday, December 7th, and the Sacramento County tour will be held on Thursday, December 14th.

The subcommittee intends to organize a second invasive species tour in Sacramento County specifically for state legislators and their staff.

The subcommittee reviewed the plans, preparations and stops for the invasive species tour in Southern California. The Southern California tour will begin at 8:30 am or 9:00 am at the Los Alamitos facility for pest prevention. Detailed agendas and stop maps for the tour will be provided to the subcommittee members at the next meeting of the subcommittee. The subcommittee has been working with the Agriculture Commissioner's office in Shasta County around plans for the Northern California invasive species tour.

The subcommittee discussed reserving seats for attendees who may not be able to financially afford the costs of traveling to join the tours or traveling back to their homes after the tours are complete. David Haviland recommended having a point of contact for potential attendees in need of financial support to reach out to. David Pegos noted that the tour invitation letter could include a section referring attendees in need to an individual they should contact to discuss and arrange financial accommodations.

At the next meeting of the Outreach and Education Subcommittee, members will review and provide feedback on close-to-final versions of tour agendas, corresponding maps of tour stops and a draft invitation letter to be sent out to tour guests.

An online registration form can be sent to guests alongside the tour invitation letter. David Pegos recommended distributing both physical and electronic versions of the invitation letter.

Information around the new limited term CISAC position has been published and will be sent to members so that they can contribute towards finding an individual to fill the position. The application period for the position will close after 30 days.

### **Public Comments**

No public comments were made.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m. The next scheduled CISAC Outreach and Education Subcommittee meeting is October 23, 2023 at 1:30 pm.