

**CALIFORNIA INVASIVE SPECIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CISAC) MEETING**  
**Auditorium, CDFA BUILDING**

Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 18, 2018

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on April 18, 2018 in Sacramento, by CISAC Chair Ted Grosholz.

**CISAC Members Present:**

Fred Crowder, Chris Greer, Ted Grosholz, John Madsen, Joe Scheele, Steve Schoenig, Sheri Smith, Irina Irvine

**CISAC Members Absent:**

Grace Adams, Daniel Gluesenkamp, Dan Pinkerton, Sarah Ryan, Mark Hoddle, Tim Spann, Mike Stoker, Valerie Vartanian, Helene Wright, Chris Zanobini, Ken Zimmerman

**California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Staff Present:**

David Pegos, Daniel Arismendi

**Others Present:**

Tom Smith - CalFire

John Kabashima - UCANR

Doug Johnson - CalIPC (web)

**CISAC MEMBER UPDATES**

- 8 members present – No Quorum
- **John Madsen** – Working with Boating & Waterways doing releases of a Water Hyacinth biocontrol in undisclosed locations in the Delta. Also doing releases of another insect not in the Delta. UC Davis hosting bi-annual aquatic weed school September 5 & 6.
- **Chris Greer** – At Davis they had an IPM symposium in conjunction with DPR looking to develop more funding & support.
- **Ted Grosholz** – Had communications with feds about ISAC, bringing on 4 new ISAC members. Looking at risk analysis tools. Sent out a survey for AIS management asking how fed acts are being used. “What is the basis of AIS management?” Sent out to regional panels for Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force.
- **Steve Schoenig** – Representing CalIPC. Putting time into policy efforts. Excited to be a part of the Summit.
- **Sheri Smith** – Continuing trapping programs for borers. Completed risk assessment with Cleveland National Forest for shot-hole borer. Planning Gold-Spotted Borer infested tree removal or spraying. July 17-19 Cal Forest Pest Council field meeting in Susanville. APHIS intending to de-list Emerald Ash Borer.

- **Joe Scheele** – Completed signage for Don't Pack a Pest in San Ysidro. Also did a walkthrough for more signage at LAX. Talked about travel shows (Bay Area, San Diego, LA) worked with counties on those. Educating travelers about commodities incoming. Jerky coming in from China, major issue for Bay Area. LAX area seeds issue.
- **David Pegos** – Don't Pack a Pest, got one more year of funding. Targeting Oakland, San Diego, and Fresno for signage. Chose between Oakland and San Jose for this year. San Jose will be next year. Continued support of Buy it Where You Burn it campaign with Cal Fire.
- **John Kabashima** – Efficacy studies to find more bio-rational materials that might be more effective on shot-hole borer. Arbor Day Foundation having meetings in Irvine starting November 6<sup>th</sup>. Sessions on Shot-Hole Borers and other invasive pests. CalIPC conference in November in Monterey.
- **Tom Smith** – Fully staffed now. New forest entomologist took over chairmanship of Firewood Taskforce, Curtis Ewing. Lost Katie Harrell due to budget.
- **Martha Volkoff** – Nutria taking up considerable amount of time. Ramping up for Narodia Water Snake trapping season.
- **Victoria Hornbaker** – Attended for Nutria talk.
- **Doug Johnson** – Plant Right Program looking for new home and steady funding.

#### **COMMITTEE BUSINESS:**

- Minutes from 10/11/17 were not approved, due to no quorum.
- Need to pick dates for 2018 meetings.
- Selection of 2018 CISAC Meeting Dates (options below):
  - Doodle Poll to decide dates
- Disposition on California Invasive Species List (Chris Greer)
  - List is currently not being updated/utilized.
  - Technical difficulties with application.
  - Costs involved(staff, technology, upkeep).
- CISAC Members issues:
  - Termed out members
  - Members not participating
  - Solicit new members?
- No Vice Chair or Secretary, need to address when there is a quorum.

#### **PRESENTATION: California Invasive Species Summit – John Kabashima**

- Recap and Summary.
- Thanks to Cal Fire, UCANR and Britton Fund.
- Goal was to work towards update to Strategic Framework and get legislature in place.
- Implementation Plan Dot Exercise to prioritize action plan.
- Document created: Invasive Species Summit Recap.
- Legislation: AB 2054, AB 2470 & AB 2166 sponsored by legislators through this Summit.
- Thanks to those who supported making the Summit happen.

**PRESENTATION: Nutria in California: Status and Response – Martha Volkoff**

- Background on Nutria.
- Awareness about Nutria(CDFW website has educational materials for public consumption)
- Wasteful eaters.
- Burrowing damages infrastructure.
- Landowners Aware: Eradication Feasible.
- Interagency Nutria Response Team.
- Public Outreach. Modeling plan after Chesapeake Bay Plan.

**DISCUSSION: Shot Hole Borer – Dr. Kevin Hoffman**

- Constructing plan to attack: eradication or control.
- Tree removal should be last step.
- Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer so far confined to Southern CA.
- Statewide survey to find out where Shot Hole Borer is concentrated.
- Trapping protocols, research, delimitation.
- Need more legislation/funding.
- Discussions of funding where/how.
  - Subcommittee:
    - Irina Irvine
    - Tom Smith
    - Sheri Smith
    - Chris Greer

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** none offered

**Next meeting:** The next regularly scheduled CISAC meeting will take place at 10:00AM on July 17, 2018, in Sacramento, CA.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at: 2:39PM

Minutes taken by: Daniel Arismendi, SSA, CDFW

Approved by: CISAC Members on 07-18-18