

**California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC)
July 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

CISAC Members:

Tim Crothers	Shannon Lynch	Katie Sutherland-Ashley
Gina Darin	Lori Nezhura	Martha Volkoff
Tom Getts	Beatriz Nobua-Behrman	Koren Widdel
Ted Grosholz	Steven Schoenig	Lisa Worthington on behalf of Prakash Sah
Stacy Hishinuma	Tom Smith	
Ricky Lara		

CISAC Members Absent

David Haviland	Helene Wright
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Guests:

Nina Alvarado	Marina Kaiser	Siobhan Reid
Jonathan Babineau	Jennifer Ketterlin	Sean Runyon
Rachel Burnap	Krista Hoffmann	Christopher Shogren
Stacey Clark	Karen Lowerison	CeRae Speidel
Kim Corella	Caroline Martorano	Alexandria Stubblefield
Sandy DeSimone	Sam Nielsen	Stephen Tachiera
Erik Downs	Randall Oliver	Ellen Walton
Akif Eskalen	Nochella Ozard	Rachel Wigginton
Katie Harrell	David Pegos	Ed Williams
Lisa Herbert	David Phong	Karey Windbiel-Rojas
Krista Hoffmann	Adrian Poloni	David Wirta
John Kabashima	Stephanie Ponce	

Opening

The meeting of the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on April 26, 2022 held at the California Department of Food and Agriculture Auditorium.

Chair Martha Volkoff welcomed committee members, guests and staff.

David Pegos noted that a trailer bill has been passed permitting members of state boards and commissions to attend remotely without requiring them to do so from a public place through July 1, 2023.

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, detection, eradication and outreach projects and news since the last CISAC meeting.

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

Motion: To approve the California Invasive Species Advisory Council meeting minutes for April 26 as amended.

First: Martha Volkoff

Second: Ted Grosholz

Motion carries: The motion passed with 13 yays (Tim Crothers, Gina Darin, Tom Getts, Ted Grosholz, Ricky Lara, Shannon Lynch, Beatriz Nobua-Behrman, Steve Schoenig, Tom Smith, Katie Sutherland-Ashley, Martha Volkoff, Koren Widdel and Lisa Worthington on behalf of Prakash Sah) and 3 abstaining (Stacy Hishinuma, Brent Johnson and Lori Nezhura)

Motion: To approve the California Invasive Species Advisory Council meeting minutes for May 18 as amended.

First: Shannon Lynch

Second: Beatriz Nobua-Behrman

Motion carries: The motion passed with 14 yays (Tim Crothers, Gina Darin, Tom Getts, Ted Grosholz, Brent Johnson, Ricky Lara, Shannon Lynch, Beatriz Nobua-Behrman, Steve Schoenig, Tom Smith, Katie Sutherland-Ashley, Martha Volkoff, Koren Widdel and Lisa Worthington on behalf of Prakash Sah) and 2 abstaining (Stacy Hishinuma and Lori Nezhura)

PRESENTATIONS

Grants Process Discussion

Stephen Tachiera, branch chief of the CDFG Grants and Administration branch, went through a broad overview of the grants process. This includes:

1. Two weeks to develop the Request for Proposal (RFP).
2. OPTIONAL: Two weeks for public comments and stakeholder feedback.
 - a. An additional one-to-two weeks if public comment results in RFP changes.
3. One month for the application period.
4. One month to review applications (eligibility and merit-based).
 - a. An additional two-to-four weeks if seeking external expert review.
5. Two weeks for the announcement process.
6. Two-to-three months to go from projects to executed agreements.

Stephen specified that emergency funds could be held back to go through a non-RFP process to enable the Committee to respond to emergencies by sending recommendations to the Secretaries.

A Grants Process Subcommittee was created to focus on grants issues like criteria, minimum and maximum per project, and public comment period.

Update on Invasive Shot Hole Borer (ISHB) and Next Steps

David Pegos discussed the 2018 Invasive Species Summit event. The legislation AB 2470 (Grayson) that came of the Summit codified the Invasive Species Council of California and CISAC. \$10,000,000 over two years was received through a members request. These funds were for:

1. ISHB research projects (top 7 of 24) – \$2,252,811
 - a. Biological control of Polyphagous and Kuroshio SHB in California.
 - b. Optimizing ISHB traps.
 - c. Mechanical control by chipping prunings and removed trees.
 - d. Epidemiology of Fusarium dieback
 - e. Biological control of Fusarium dieback
 - f. Integrated pest management techniques for control of ISHB and Fusarium dieback.
 - g. Bioeconomic modeling of Invasive Species Management in urban forests.
2. Trapping
 - a. County survey work (\$1,624,392) and a centralized trapping/visual coordinator (\$450,000) for three years.
3. Green Waste pathway analysis – \$150,000
4. Outreach
 - a. A communications coordinator (\$450,000) and an outreach training program for land management and greenwaste, landscape and gardeners, campground and recreation, public training and educating staff of other agencies (\$112,500).
 - b. ISHB outreach at League of California Cities, Long Beach Landscape Expo, and California State Association of Counties.
5. Administration – \$112,500
6. CalFire funds – \$4,509,280
 - a. Tree removal and disposal.

The next step will be to reconvene the CISAC ISHB Subcommittee to develop recommendations on how to spend the remaining, reverted funds over the next two years.

Weed Management Area (WMAs) funding came through, and in light of that, \$1,000,000 that CISAC had previously recommended be allocated to WMAs could instead be reallocated to the upcoming \$5,000,000 for CISAC grant funding. It was also suggested that it would be better to direct the \$1,000,000 to an existing shovel-ready project such as the near-term emergency need for funding to address concerns about Volutaria rather than add it to the funds allocated to the slower RFP process. In years of good rainfall, hundreds of Volutaria plants can germinate per square meter, becoming a thicket of dense vegetation on sand dunes and flats. There are additional concerns over endangered species of lizard, desert tortoise and big-horned sheep nearby, the wildflower economy in Barrego Springs and Volutaria may present a fire hazard after the rain season.

Motion: California Invasive Species Advisory Council funds up to \$1,000,000.00 previously recommended to the Weed Management Area program will be rolled forward for the next CISAC funding grant proposals.

First: Martha Volkoff

Second: Koren Widdel

Motion fails: The motion failed with two yays (Tim Crothers and Lisa Worthington on behalf of Prakash Sah), 12 nays (Gina Darin, Tom Getts, Ted Grosholz, Brent Johnson, Ricky Lara, Shannon Lynch, Lori Nezhura, Steve Schoenig, Tom Smith, Katie Sutherland-

Ashley, Martha Volkoff and Koren Widdel) and two abstaining (Stacy Hishinuma and Beatriz Nobua-Behrman).

Motion: California Invasive Species Advisory Council funds up to \$1,000,000.00 previously recommended to the Weed Management Area program will be reallocated to the San Diego Volutaria project.

First: Steve Schoenig

Second: Tom Smith

Motion carries: The motion passed with 12 yays (Tim Crothers, Gina Darin, Tom Getts, Ted Grosholz, Brent Johnson, Ricky Lara, Shannon Lynch, Beatriz Nobua-Behrman, Steve Schoenig, Tom Smith, Katie Sutherland-Ashley and Lisa Worthington on behalf of Prakash Sah) and four abstaining (Stacy Hishinuma, Lori Nezhura, Martha Volkoff and Koren Widdel).

The Grants Process Subcommittee will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. to discuss CISAC criteria for their future RFP process. All CISAC board members are invited to participate.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The next scheduled CISAC meeting will take place on October 25, 2022 at the California Department of Food and Agriculture.