MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 21, 2010

CALL TO ORDER
(a) The meeting was called to order Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at approximately 10:05 a.m. Doug Johnson, Chair to the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee
(b) Welcome remarks provided by Doug Johnson, Chair.
(c) Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Roll call taken by Sarah Her, CDFA.

Present:
Arcularius, Linda  Brandon, Victoria  Chapel, Mike
Chavarria, Gabriel  Conser, Christiana  DiTomaso, Joseph
Fox, Andrea  Godfrey, Larry  Guise, Vince
Hoffman, Robert  Johnson, Doug  Maddux-Gonzalez, Mary
McDowell, Karen  Pattison, David  Randall, John
Sonnabend, Zea

Absent:
Batkin, Ted  De Leon, Ricardo  Dolezal, Robert
Faria, Dennis  Melander, Leigh  Schierenbeck, Kristina
Tomlinson, Rick  Warner, Keith

DISCUSSION
The Committee discussed the opening position for the Public position and whether to look for a replacement or keep the position vacant.

MOTION: Committee member Victoria Brandon moved to approve that the Communications group will take on this task. Council member Mary Maddux-Gonzalez seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

DISCUSSION
The Committee discussed the CISAC Specialty Crop Block Grant proposal: information included, proposed next steps, and asked for letters of support. The Committee also discussed money from CDFA that has been proposed to be spent on a brochure highlighting top invasive species in California and a short DVD to send to farmers, commissioners, etc.
It was also announced that Dr. Robert Leavitt had obtained a new position as Chair of the North American Invasive Species Network.

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Committee.

(5) DISCUSSION
The final invasive species list with rankings was presented to the Committee members. Concerns from Council members were heard. There were many suggestions made to continue to enhance the list process.

MOTION: Committee member Andrea Fox moved to approve the list for presentation to the ISCC Secretaries. Committee member Joe DiTomaso seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(6) INVASIVE SPECIES UPDATE

(7) DISCUSSION
The Committee was presented with the CISAC action plan, drafted by Lara Polansky. It compares the action plans of other states and has created seven categories that need teams to create plans for each. It was suggested that multiple strategies at different price points be created then depending on levels of funding available and that now is a good time to prepare for Legislative briefings of the list. These plans should be ready by the next meeting in 2 months. All meetings will be held every two months.

The discussion concluded with these duties:
  Prevention: Vince, John, Ted, Robert
  Detection: Vince, Dennis, Bob, Zea,
  Response: Vince, Dennis, Bob, Zea
  Management: David, Joseph, Christiana
  Outreach: Communications group: Victoria, Linda, Mary
  Research: Larry, Kristina, Zea
  Laws and Regulations: David, Andrea, Rick, Karen
  Editorial: Doug, Karen, Gabriela, Robert

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Council.

(8) PRESENTATION TO AGENCY SECRETARIES/ISCC
The Invasive Species Council of California members were either present or in representation at the meeting to hear for the first time the presentation of the list created by CISAC. In attendance were: Undersecretary Greg Albright of the Business, Transportation & Housing Agency, Susan Ellis representing Secretary Snow from Dept. of Natural Resources, Secretary Kawamura of the Dept. of Food & Agriculture, Christina Curry representing Secretary Bettenhausen of the Emergency Management Agency, Sylvia Nguyen representing Secretary Adams of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Dr. Mark Horton, Secretary of Dept. of Public Health. Short overviews of the work and thought process that went into creating the list was given by each CISAC taxonomic working group to the ISCC.
**MOTION:** Dr. Horton moved to approve for the Invasive Species Council of California to adopt the list developed by CISAC as a living document. Undersecretary Albright seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

The strategic plan is the next step and will be a roadmap for actions to strengthen state response to invasive species. The first public draft product is to be produced by September. The final product is to be completed in November 2010. Secretary Kawamura has suggested editorials to be given to each Secretary by representatives of the list and actions made on this day. Albright suggests that the Strategic Growth Council be tied into ISCC/CISAC.

(9) **CLOSING COMMENTS**
The Committee discussed appreciation of ISCC questions and comments, thank you’s to leadership in the CISAC, and much enthusiasm as one step has completed and the next is to begin.

(10) **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND ADJOURMENT**
There were no public comments. With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:50 p.m.