

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

**CISAC Members:**

Tim Crothers	Stacy Hishinuma	Steven Schoenig
Gina Darin	Ricky Lara	Tom Smith
David Haviland	Shannon Lynch	Martha Volkoff
Tom Getts	Beatriz Nobua-Behrman	Koren Widdel
Ted Grosholz		

**CISAC Members Attending Remotely (Ineligible to Vote):**

Lori Nezhura	Prakash Sah	Katie Sutherland-Ashley
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**CISAC Members Absent**

Brent Johnson	Vicki Kramer	Helene Wright
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**Guests:**

Jonathan Babineau	John Kabashima	Christopher Potter
Elizabeth Brusati	David Kratville	Drew Raymond
Jocelyn Claude	Karen Lowerison	Chris Shogren
Rebecca Ferdman	Caroline Martorano	Alexandria Stubblefield
Katie Harrell	Brandon McClintic	Hannah Vasilis
Thomas Jensen	Oliver Randall	Ellen Walton
Doug Johnson	David Pegos	

**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 Natural Resources Agency.

Chair Martha Volkoff welcomed committee members, guests and staff. Deputy Secretary for Biodiversity and Habitat Jennifer Norris administered the Oath of Office to the CISAC board members present. Dr. Norris thanked the board members for their service. She promoted the 30x30 program which holds workshops on conservation, and the [californianature.ca.gov](http://californianature.ca.gov) website's interactive biodiversity and climate change mapping.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

All CISAC members, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) staff and guests introduced themselves.

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 the December 10, 2021 and January 25, 2022 meetings as amended.

**First:** Tom Smith

**Second:** Martha Volkoff

**Motion carries:** The motion passed unanimously.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invasive Species Outreach and Education**

Elisabeth Brusati presented the California Invasive Species Action Week (CISAW). The goal of CISAW is to increase public awareness of and promote public participation in the fight against California's invasive species. CISAW is held the first week of June annually since 2014, and includes agency and partner organization events, a youth art contest and an outreach campaign. These outreach campaigns can include demonstrations, tours, workshops and webinars, and media outreach such as posters, brochures, social media posts, videos and scientist interviews. She recommended that CISAC could participate via press release, social media posts and the Invasive Lunch webinar. It was decided that CISAC would help judge the youth art contest.

David Kratville presented details about the invasive weed tours. He explained that historically the weed tours were aimed at county staff and focused on A-rated weeds and biocontrol agents. This consists of a Southern, Central and Northern California tour, with different tour destinations scheduled for each day of the three- or five-day event including a lunch presentation at local University of California extension offices to illustrate local issues. He added that they will be demonstrating weed-mapping tools and citizen science apps. Invasive weed tour staff are planning to provide a presentation during CISAW. David Haviland will assist the weed tours as a Kern County entomologist.

Ricky Lara, Randall Oliver, Beatriz Nobua-Behrman, Shannon Lynch, Ted Grosholz and Martha Volkoff volunteered to join the Outreach and Education Subcommittee.

**Motion:** To form the Outreach and Education Subcommittee of the California Invasive Species Advisory Council.

**First:** Martha Volkoff

**Second:** Ted Grosholz

**Motion carries:** The motion passed unanimously.

### **Invasive Species Council of California (ISCC) By-laws and CISAC Charter Subcommittee Report**

Martha presented the amendments to the ISCC by-laws and CISAC charter that the Subcommittee recommended. There was additional discussion on the scope of the ISCC regarding native invasive species.

**Motion:** To approve the Invasive Species Council of California by-laws as amended.

**First:** David Haviland

**Second:** Shannon Lynch

**Motion carries:** The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** To approve the California Invasive Species Advisory Council charter as amended.

**First:** Tom Getts

**Second:** Tom Smith

**Motion carries:** The motion passed unanimously.

**Review of Existing Project Recommendations**

David Pegos provided a review of current project recommendations totaling \$4,125,000. The aquatic invasive survey funding was increased to \$400,000 to allow a second team to operate across the state.

**Development of Project Recommendations**

Two additional projects were added: \$250,000 for a 3-year grant for Plant Right, a non-profit volunteer conservation program that partners with retail nurseries and promotes education to halt the spread of invasive plant species; and \$50,000 to purchase biocontrol incubators to rear a biocontrol agent to combat Yellow Starthistle.

The Committee then apportioned the remaining funds into the Invasive Species tours, living list and pathway prioritization, reserve fund, Invasive Shot Hole Borer, statewide exotic wood borer survey, statewide aquatic invasive survey and *Caulerpa prolifera* projects, bringing the total spending to \$5,000,000 (table 1 below).

\$100,000.00	Invasive Species Summit
\$115,000.00	Invasive Species Tours
\$25,000.00	ISCC/CISAC Operational Fund (travel, outreach booths, printing, business needs, reports, facilitation)
\$115,000.00	Living list and pathway prioritization
\$300,000.00	Fulltime support for ISCC/CISAC (Two year limited term position)
\$575,000.00	Reserve fund
\$1,265,000.00	Invasive Shot Hole Borer (PSHB, KSHB, MOB)
\$1,000,000.00	Weed Management Areas
\$115,000.00	Statewide exotic wood borer survey
\$400,000.00	Statewide aquatic invasive survey
\$50,000.00	Yellow Starthistle biocontrol incubators
\$250,000.00	Plant Right
\$690,000.00	<i>Caulerpa prolifera</i>
\$5,000,000.00	

**Table 1: CISAC Project Recommendations**

**Motion:** To adopt funding recommendations for the biocontrol incubator and Plant Right projects, and increase project funding recommendations to Invasive Species Tours, living list and pathway prioritization, reserve fund, Invasive Shot Hole Borer, statewide exotic wood borer survey, statewide aquatic invasive survey and *Caulerpa prolifera* projects.

**First:** Martha Volkoff

**Second:** David Haviland

**Motion carries:** The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** To form a California Invasive Species Advisory Council Subcommittee to formulate the recommendations process.

**First:** Martha Volkoff

**Second:** Shannon Lynch

**Motion carries:** The motion passed unanimously.

David Kratville, Shannon Lynch, Ted Grosholz, Steve Schoenig, Koren Widdel and Martha Volkoff volunteered to join the Recommendations Process Subcommittee.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m. The next scheduled CISAC meeting will take place on July 26, 2022 at the California Department of Food and Agriculture.