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

CISAC Members Absent
Brent Johnson  Vicki Kramer  Helene Wright

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 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).

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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.


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.