

## CONSENT AGENDA

April 22, 2026

### 1. California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) Outreach & Education Subcommittee January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Meeting Minutes

#### CISAC Members:

Tim Crothers**	Shannon Lynch	Katie Sutherland-Ashley**
Gina Darin	Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann**	Martha Volkoff**
Ricky Lara		

\*Proxy

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#### Guests:

Jonathan Babineau	Victoria Hornbaker	Randall Oliver
Elizabeth Brusati	Jessica Hurlimann	MacKenzie Patton
Timothy Crothers	Doug Johnson	David Pegos
Jim Farrar	A. G. Kawamura	Ambika Saini
Nathan Fishburn	Daryl Lara	Chris Scianni
Lindsey Hack	Stephanie Lucero	Cherie Shook
Heather Healy	Melonie Morgan	

#### Opening:

The California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) Outreach & Education Subcommittee was called to order at 10:30 am on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Dr. Shannon Lynch welcomed committee members, guests, and staff.

#### Discussion:

David Pegos from California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) reviewed information from the previous summit. He highlighted that the summit took place in the state capital and opening remarks were given by Dr. Glenda Humiston from University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR). The keynote speaker was Secretary Karen Ross. David Pegos and Doug Johnson (Cal Integrated Pest Control) outlined the strategic framework used to design the summit. David also announced this year there will be a goal to have thirty scholarships/stipends, ten for each of the regional invasive species tours. This will allow inclusion of underrepresented voices and support attendees from disadvantaged communities to help inform the summit.

He noted that at the previous summit, breakout sessions were divided into taxa and pathways. The topics for taxa were terrestrial plants and algae by Doug Johnson. Aquatic plants and algae by Gina Darin from Department of Water Resources (DWR), vertebrates by Valerie Cook from Department of Fish & Wildlife. Arthropods by Dr. John Kabashima from UCANR (Emeritus) and mollusks and other invertebrates from Dr. Ted Grosholz, UC Davis. Diseases by Michelle Dennis from CDFA and Dr. Russ Bulluck from United States Department of Agriculture.

Stephanie Lucero, the previous summits facilitator, shared background on planning the breakout sessions. The breakout sessions were designed for sharing ideas and promoting conversations amongst attendees. For each taxa group there was one main point of contact, an expert in the relevant field that could speak to the case study and

lead the discussion. Case studies were shared to start the conversation showing examples of how a topic of the case study is discussed in terms of response, concerns, and outcomes. The groups worked on the taxa and narrowed down the priority elements to discuss. She noted that breakout sessions are part of the broader scope of the prioritization process in discussing concepts and communicating obstacles faced. The information gathered from the notetakers from the first day help to inform the activities and conversations on day two of the summit.

Questions, including a) why controlling this species is important, b) what lessons are learned, and c) what's the cost in addressing this species were also used to guide conversations. There was the component of a homework assignment ending day one of the summit that helped to inform attendees of expectations for day two.

Day two focused on invasive species pathways and included the following topics; recreation by Dr. Irina Irvine from National Park Service and Eddie Hard from Department of Boating and Waterways, Pet trade by Martha Volkoff from DFW, horticulture/plant Industry by Chris Zanobini from PlantRight and Dr. Dave Fujino from California Center for Urban Horticulture, transportation by Ken Murray from Caltrans and Dr. Tom Smith from CalFire, internet, international trade and tourism by Joe Scheele from Customs and Border Protection and Elizabeth Brusati from Delta Stewardship Council. The pathways discussion tasked participants with considering questions such as what would be some of the funding implementation actions needed and how many coordination activities could be required between the necessary stakeholders.

Summit facilitators gathered the reporting from both days breakout sessions and created the dot-matrix scoring. The scoring encouraged attendees to consider the actions that need to be taken and to identify critical steps in prioritization of invasive species work in California. All the attendees got the opportunity to review information collected from all taxa and pathways breakout sessions. Afterwards, the attendees used the dots to vote on what key issues they felt were the most important on the topics of taxa and pathways.

Dr. Bea N Behrmann from University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources inquired about how the tours and summit are planned. David explained that there were no tours associated with the previous summit. The tours were last performed in 2023, and this will be the first time the summit and tours will be planned together.

Victoria Hornbaker, CDFA asked the subcommittee members to consider if the tours should be used to inform the summit, they would need to be planned prior to the summit with sufficient time to lock down speakers, create agendas etc. She posed the question, how far from the summit should the tours be planned. Shannon suggested a month's time to be the gap between the tours and summit.

Stephanie noted that there is room for fluidity in how summit breakout sessions are designed with consideration of what develops from the site visits. The other scheduling factor to be mindful of is having the summit dates and locations determined sooner rather than later.

David informed the subcommittee that Secretary Ross, Secretary Wade-Crowfoot, and Professor Glenda Humiston will all be included as speakers at the summit.

Stephanie provided further considerations in logistics for the summit and tours planning. The summit is held over two days in Sacramento, and then the tours are ideally one month in advance of the summit. She suggested we could follow the previous tours schedule of three tours split up with one week of travel between tours. Another consideration is the impact of seasonality on the tours, so tours are scheduled around optimal conditions.

The 2018 CA Invasive Species Summit Report was displayed for members to review. Some important highlights included a diverse range of stakeholders with government officials, NGOs, other state agencies etc. The main feature of the summit report was the results from the dot matrix voting exercise which informed the list of the top twenty ranked priority actions. Approximately ten of the priority actions have been accomplished from this report.

David brought up locations for the summit. There are multiple locations in the area to consider, and an important factor is the distance the California legislators would have to travel to attend. Shannon communicated to the subcommittee that August 31<sup>st</sup> is the final recess for the legislature, and it would be ideal to have the summit occur before that date. Stephanie asked the subcommittee if there were any dates to avoid in August.

Gina inquired about January 2027 as an option if there is not enough time to plan the summit and tours by August. Stephanie noted the coordination team will review possible dates in August, possibly September, evaluate possible dates in terms of speakers and locations available and look at the legislative cycle. The discussion moved to the planning of the tours. There were three tours that took place in 2023, covering a location each in Central California, Northern California and Southern California.

The tour in Southern California began at the fruit fly rearing facility in Los Alamitos, Orange County. During the drive down the Pacific Coast Highway aquatic invasive species were discussed. The tour then passed through notable locations including San Joaquin Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary and the Mason Regional Park. At the South Coast Research & Extension Center in Irvine there were presentations on the invasive shothole borer, goldspotted oak borer and the South American palm weevil. The next location of the tour was the Bee Canyon Greenery before heading to the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve and then returning to Los Alamitos.

The tour in Northern California began at the Redding Civic Auditorium covering various invasive species. Then the tour departed for Shasta College which featured its horticulture program. Next on the tour was Lassen Canyon Nursery. The last stop was the Whiskeytown Recreation Area in French Gulch where topics of invasive weeds and the Invasive Plant Management Program were discussed.

The tour in Central California started off at the CDFA Meadowview Campus and highlighted the chemical laboratory, biological control facilities and the warehouse. Then the tour moved to the Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner's office and covered pest detection and pest exclusion and a dog team demonstration. Then the tour departed for Carmichael where they discussed marine invasive species. Lastly, the tour went to Matsuda's nursery.

**Public Comment:**

Bea stressed the importance of meeting the goals expected from the secretaries of the invasive species summit.

Tim Crothers commented there are many variables to consider, especially for the August time frame compared to January.

Elizabeth Brusati expressed concern about the split focus on planning for the tours and the August summit timeframe. She would like to hear specific goals of the summit at the next subcommittee meeting. And lastly would like to recommend a Delta stop for the tour.

Martha Volkoff encouraged focusing on the purpose and goals while we are planning the next summit and tours. She also echoed support for a later summit date and including the Delta as a tour stop.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m. The next scheduled CISAC Outreach & Education Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2026 at 10:30 am.

**2. California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC)  
Outreach & Education Subcommittee  
February 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

**CISAC Members:**

Tim Crothers**	Humberto Izquierdo	Shannon Lynch
Tom Getts**	Ricky Lara	Chris Scianni**
Ted Grosholz**		

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\*\*Virtual non-voting

**Guests:**

Jonathan Babineau	Lindsey Hack	Mackinzie Patton
Elizabeth Brusati	Heather Healy	David Pegos
Timothy Crothers	Victoria Hornbaker	Ambika Saini
Curtis Ewing	Karen Jetter	Cherie Shook
Jim Farrar	Daryl Lara	Doug Smith
Tom Getts	Stephanie Lucero	
Jan Gonzales	Anne Megaro	

**Opening:**

The California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) Outreach & Education Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 10:30 am on February 13, 2026. Dr. Shannon Lynch welcomed committee members, guests, and staff.

Dr. Shannon Lynch reminded the subcommittee that the Secretaires have asked for the takeaway from the summit and tours is to have five to ten top priority species of taxa and pathways, the steps to address the threats and having a climate lens as part of the perspective. The secretaries want to see the recommendations of what is needed and how they can support the invasive species management from their level.

**Discussion:**

Continuing from the last subcommittee meeting Shannon resumed discussion on the summit dates. The dates for consideration are August 2026 or January 2027. Some considerations for holding the summit in August 2026 are that it is coming up soon, requiring a lot of planning in a short time frame, and the tours would still need to be planned prior to August. Some considerations for holding the summit in January 2027 are that there would be more time to plan the tours and summit and there would be a new legislative cycle.

Doug Smith noted that the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials Annual meeting (August 26-28, 2026) and request to not hold the summit during this time.

Stephanie Lucero shared, including that legislative floor sessions are planned for late August, so the summit timeframe for August 2026 would have to be prior to that. For the January 2027 date, she recommended the second or third week.

Stephanie clarified that the tours would take place before the summit. The discussions on the regional tours will help to inform the discussions planned for the summit. She

stated if the summit is held in the August 2026 timeframe, the site visits should occur in Spring/Summer. If the summit is held in January 2027, the site visits should occur in the Fall.

David Pegos suggested creating two tentative plans, one for August 2026, and one for January 2027. Ted Grosholz supports the January 2027 date; it would allow for more time to plan, and he pointed out there are less staff members from legislature around August. Shannon Lynch suggested tours around October 2026 if the summit is pushed to January 2027. Stephanie suggested that June would be the latest to have the tours if the summit takes place in August 2026. Shannon requested members consider the timeframe spaced out between the tours and summit.

Discussion took place regarding weather conditions and climate preferability. Ted reminded the subcommittee that the weather in June and August is more extreme and to take that into consideration while planning outdoor activities on the tours. Stephanie said there may be flexibility in scheduling the tours, the last site visits were all in one month. The subcommittee could consider scheduling the tours for when the region is best, e.g. Northern California tour in June when the agriculture season is busy.

Daryl commented there are plenty of invasive plants in June and July for the Northern part of the state and with the climate dam removals this summer, late fall would showcase the replanting that is done. Tom reminded folks that the California Weed Science meeting for next year is scheduled for January 20, 2027.

Shannon suggested presenting the two recommendations for CISAC at the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Option A would be regional tours spread apart with webinar, summit in January 2027. Option B would be regional tours in June, and the summit in August 2026.

Stephanie stated the following as the summit goals and asked for member's feedback.

1. Identify major threats to biodiversity in California from invasive species (five to ten threats in taxa and pathways).
2. Increase knowledge and understanding of legislators and others on invasive species management in California.
3. Identify next steps to address invasive species pathways in California (action items).

Taking into consideration what the Secretaries said at the Invasive Species Council of California meeting, Shannon said we should also consider how do the invasive species threats fit in terms of climate change context. Humberto remarked that due to climate change, we can observe pest movement further into the state, especially from Southern California to Northern California. Climate changes such as warmer climate and less cold winters have contributed to an increase in pests. Stephanie suggested we could add climate change as one of the major threats in taxa and pathways or use it as an overall theme at the summit.

Jim Farrar acknowledged that protecting biodiversity is important but wants to ensure agriculture is incorporated into the top three goals. Humberto suggested that food security should be a topic discussed as well. Karen Jetter suggested tying in realistic

policy options with the list and pathways to prevent losses from the introduction of an invasive species such as exclusion, eradication, containment and management.

Stephanie said the August Webinar for a January summit would be a great time to capture that information. The webinar could allow focus on what was seen at the site visits, the gaps and collaboration that were observed, which can then inform the summit. For the August summit, it would be less robust but could be incorporated. Stephanie asked if identifying gaps as analysis for inter-agency coordination as a site visit goal should be added.

Victoria Hornbaker informed the subcommittee she will be meeting with Secretaries Ross and Crowfoot next week. The direction given by the Secretaries was to plan an Fall summit. Stephanie provided a quick update to Victoria of the meetings progress. She informed her that most in the subcommittee think January 2027 for Summit is ideal in meeting the goals of the summit.

Stephanie explained having the summit in January 2027 allows more flexibility for site visits in different parts of California and allows for better display of agriculture activities. There is also the opportunity of meeting the new legislators and educating them on invasive species management. January would also allow for an online session to bring together items from site visits, identify gaps in collaboration, and actions needed. Understanding there is direction from Secretaries for a Fall summit, the site visits would need to take place no later than July. There would be less flexibility to visit locations in prime conditions. August would also place the summit towards the end of the legislative cycle, when legislators might have less time.

Stephanie stated that the goals for the site visits (tours) are intended to help inform the summit. They will help tour attendees develop a shared understanding of California's Pest Prevention System, how to improve the system and protect agriculture, natural resources and protect unique biodiversity from invasive species, foster cross collaboration and share information with legislative members/staff, agricultural, (non-governmental organizations) NGOs and other stakeholders.

Stephanie reviewed the criteria for the site tours. Logistics such as ensuring speed and the ability to load/unload passengers will have to be factored into planning. There are four tours planned, including the Central Valley, Southern California, and Northern California and a tour for legislative members and staff. The geographic site locations for the tours will be informative to invasive species goals. It was noted that we should try to have a dog team at every site visit, either ag dogs or possibly conservation dogs. The plan is to make sure we engage members of invasive species world, agriculture community, NGOs etc. Include a varied view of California topography, and all taxa of species.

At the next CISAC meeting, both options of August 2026 and January 2027 for the Summit will be shared for discussion. The goals for summit will include identifying major threats to invasive species, threats to biodiversity, agriculture and creating better understanding for legislature/federal/county boards on the pest prevention system. The hope for outcomes from the summit is to identify three to five threats and develop recommendations for those threats, and enhance collaboration across networks

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m. The next scheduled CISAC Outreach Subcommittee meeting is not scheduled yet.

**3. California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC)  
Outreach and Education Subcommittee  
April 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

**CISAC Members:**

Tim Crothers**	Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann**	Chris Scianni**
Gina Darin	Ricky Lara	Katie Sutherland-Ashley
Ted Grosholz	Shannon Lynch	

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**Guests:**

Kari Arnold	Lindsey Hack	David Pegos
Jonathan Babineau	Heather Healy	Ambika Saini
Elizabeth Brusati	Victoria Hornbaker	Cherie Shook
Kim Corella	Karen Jetter	Andrew Sutherland
Jim Farrar	Heather Kelly	Abby Taylor-Silva
Jan Gonzales	Stephanie Lucero	
Daniel Gray	Dahmoon Maesomy	

**Opening:**

The California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) Outreach Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm on April 1st, 2026. Dr. Shannon Lynch welcomed committee members, guests, and staff.

**Discussion:**

Gina Darin provided a summary of the Invasive Species Council of California (ISCC) meeting on March 16th. She presented on summit goals which include a) identify major invasive species threats to California agriculture, natural resources, human health, and unique biodiversity, b) increase government officials' understanding of solutions to address invasive species threats, and c) identify and prioritize three to five realistic actions to address invasive species threats over the next three to five years, d) improve cross-jurisdictional coordination and accountability within California's invasive species responses. In addition to the recommended goals of the summit, she noted that there will be three overarching themes for the summit, including climate, sustainable pest management, and stewardship.

The recommended four goals are to develop a shared understanding of the California Pest Prevention System, ways to improve the system, and protect agriculture, natural resources, and our unique biodiversity from invasive species. Other logistics and criteria for consideration include four full-day tours in Northern California, Southern California, and the Central Valley-Delta area for 110 individuals each as well as a tour for legislators and their staff focused on the Sacramento area. The summit and tours will include all taxa and focus on engaging with local partners: local agriculture departments, legislative offices, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and Resource Conservation Districts/Water Districts.

The ISCC secretaries agreed with the summit and tour goals and approved moving forward with planning logistics. Gina asked the secretaries to select the summit dates, and the direction given was to plan the summit for this year on October 12, 2026 at the Natural Resources Agency Building. Gina also asked for delegated authority to make

interim decisions in planning the logistics of the summit and tours between now and the next ISCC meeting (July 6th, 2026), and the secretaries agreed. The next items of action before the July 6th meeting will include finalizing the tours, the tour agenda, selecting speakers for the summit, and case studies for discussion.

Stephanie Lucero shared milestones for the invasive species tours planning. The goal is to have the tours take place sometime between June and July. Key criteria to consider while planning the tours include a) the ability to load/unload up to 100 participants, b) a loop of the geographic area, c) four tours – Northern California, Southern California, Central Valley-Delta area, and a legislative tour in the Sacramento area d) ensure tours support the invasive species goals, e) all taxa will be discussed at the tours, f) aim to have dog team at tours, g) engage agriculture community, NGO's, and other important partners, h) across all four tours, aim to have varied topography of California.

Stephanie began the discussion on tour planning, starting with Southern California. The itinerary from the previous Southern California tour was displayed for members to review the loop. The previous tour started in Los Alamitos of Orange County, went through Irvine, Bolsa Chica, and Huntington Beach, and returned to Irvine at the end. David Pegos suggested starting the tour at the Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services Joint Forces Training Base, showcasing the joint medfly preventative release program and an overview of agricultural commissioner's weights and sealers.

Andrew Sutherland from the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources recommended the invasive Formosan subterranean termite species. It is considered one of the worst invasive species globally, causing millions of dollars in damage, primarily to residential structures. Dr. Lynch has compiled a list of potential tour sites, and she added the suggestion of the *Formosan* termites and Los Alamitos to it. She also said Huntington Library would be a good spot to show invasive shothole borer (ISHB) and the Cuban slug. Newport Beach was also suggested for its potential to showcase *Caulerpa prolifera*. Dr. Nobua-Behrmann suggested Griffith Park for showing the ISHB infestation. She inquired if there would be region-specific groups to help with the planning of sites. Stephanie answered that there will be smaller working groups, site-specific. The working group for the Southern California Tour will possibly include Dr. Nobua-Behrmann and Chris Shogren.

The itinerary from the previous tour was displayed for members to review the loop. The previous tour started at the Redding Civic Auditorium, moved to Shasta College, Lassen County Nursery, and headed to Whiskey Town before returning to Redding. For planning this year's tour, Dr. Lynch suggested Eureka for showcasing *Phytophthora lateralis*. Other suggestions from Dr. Lynch included Juniper Drive natural area, China Hill, and areas with noxious weeds. David suggested going from Eureka to Klamath as an option. The group consensus was fine with looking at the North coast as exploring options for site visits. The next steps for the Northern California tour planning will be to reach out to partners or others who have potential invasive species concerns and locations to visit.

For the Central Valley-Delta tour, the Delta-Suisun Marsh was suggested as an option to tour. Gina suggested the Big Break Regional Shoreline; it would be a good location to visit aquatic species. The subcommittee agreed that the Contra Costa County Department of Agriculture would be another stop to consider in planning the loop. Weed Management Areas and Resource Conservation Districts were mentioned as other

potential site locations to showcase. Other relevant species mentioned by others that can be featured on this loop include *Phytophthora lateralis*, ISHB, Yellow star thistle, and Broomrape. Members were asked to brainstorm other additional pests or locations and partners that can be contacted to help explore options. Karen Jetter suggested the Tracy Fish Facility as a tour location for the Central Valley tour.

The Legislative tour will likely be in the Sacramento area and will mirror the tour from last year. The previous tour started at the California Department of Food and Agriculture – Meadowview Campus, and featured the chemical laboratory, biological control facilities, warehouse, and diagnostics laboratory. The next stop was the University of California Cooperative Extension Sacramento Office, followed by a tour of the Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office. Then the tour continued to the Arden Bar pond featuring marine invasive species and departed for the Matsuda Nursery before returning to Meadowview.

Stephanie summarized the next steps, starting with Shannon sharing an excel spreadsheet of tours locations and suggestions to members. Subcommittee members were asked to work on identifying local speakers at the sites that can be available. Stephanie asked members who are interested in joining the working group to reach out to her and David. Stephanie stated that she will put together the information for the tours in straw proposals and share the information at the next meeting and will identify any gaps that remain to be addressed and share that.

The previous Invasive Species Summit Agenda was shared. Stephanie noted the key details that will be important to nail down, such as case study panels, speakers, and group facilitators. Victoria suggested a fifteen-minute discussion on Sustainable Pest Management and a fifteen-minute discussion on the California Pest Prevention Program Analysis (CP3A) Report. David suggested New World Screw Worm and Rat Lung Worm as other relevant topics of interest.

The subcommittee moved to the discussion of the criteria for participants, including the selection of ten subsidized tour participants from regional areas that are under-represented. The Subcommittee discussed how to identify the criteria, outreach, and other logistics for the decision-making process. Victoria suggested using the disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged map tool to ensure representation from all communities is there. The next steps for the participant criteria will be to arrange a working group, and put together proposals, and share with the group during the next outreach meeting, then present that as a vote to CISAC.

**Public Comment:**

N/A

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2026 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm.