

## California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) Subcommittee for the Outreach & Education June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 Meeting Minutes

### CISAC Members:

Timothy Crothers**	Shannon Lynch	Chris Scianni**
Gina Darin**	Bea Nobua-Behrmann**	Katie Sutherland-Ashley
Tom Getts**		

\*Proxy

\*\*Virtual non-voting

### Guests:

Elizabeth Brusati	Karen Jetter	Randall Oliver
Curtis Ewing	Stephanie Lucero	Koren Widdel
Heather Healy	Ellen M Walton	Dahmoon Maesomy

### Staff:

Jonathan Babineau	David Pegos	LaChandra Marzetta
Victoria Hornbaker	Ambika Saini	

### Opening:

The California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) Outreach & Education Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Gina Darin welcomed committee members, guests, and staff.

### Discussion:

David Pegos discussed the tour planning status and priority locations.

### Development of Recommendations and Logistics for Invasive Species Tours

#### Los Angeles Tour (tentative)

Stephanie Lucero shared the Los Angeles (LA) tour draft schedule document. The tour should ideally occur in the August to early September time frame mid-week to avoid events and accommodate strike team schedules and site availability. The strike team for this tour includes David Pegos, Shannon Lynch, Chris Scianni, Tim Crothers, Joe Scheele, Rachal Burnap, Ambika Saini, LaChandra Marzetta, and Stephanie Lucero.

Logistics for planning the tours that need to be taken into consideration include having portable speakers/amplification confirmed for each site. Randall Oliver will follow up with Jonathan Babineau and Dr. Bea Nobua-Behrmann to confirm what equipment he can bring. Dr. Shannon Lynch can bring display specimens of greater shothole borer and samples showing the damage to wood and Curtis Ewing can bring display boxes of Mediterranean oak borer (MOB). The dates being considered for the LA tour are August 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>\*, 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, September 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Stop 1- 9:00am-10:30am: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services and Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos

*Purpose/taxa:* Attendees will be welcomed to the LA tour and be given an overview of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)/ United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Joint Mediterranean Fruit Fly Preventative Release Program, as well as information on other fruit fly projects. The Orange County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures will provide information on their program.

**10:30am-10:45am:** *Bus to Stop 2*

**Stop 2- 10:45am-11:30am: El Dorado Nature Center / El Dorado Park**

*Purpose/taxa:* Attendees will observe Sycamores, terrestrial plants, aquatic plants/algae, invasive shothole borer (ISHB), and gain knowledge on public education, & community stewardship. There is a quarter mile loop of the nature pathway for attendees to walk and see the impact of the infested ISHB tree and stumps. Dr. Bea Nobua-Behrmann suggested setting up stations on the tour with invasive species specimens displayed such as ISHB or South American palm weevil.

**11:30am-11:50am:** *Bus to Stop 3*

**Stop 3- 12:00pm-1:00pm: 21750 Arnold Center, Carson 90810**

*Purpose/taxa:* Attendees will be shown the air and mail pathway stop. Discussion topics for this stop include plant pests, animal and plant diseases, regulated commodities, and dog teams. There will be overview of federal inspection processes, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) involvement, and agriculture specialists who help prevent harmful plant pests and foreign animal diseases. Lastly there will be a tour of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) which operates plant inspection stations near major US ports of entry.

**1:00pm-1:20pm:** *Bus to Stop 4*


*Purpose/taxa:* During the bus ride there will be discussions on mail, passenger baggage, air cargo, plant diseases, animal products, and human disease interfaces. Rachel Burnap may serve as a tentative speaker on green waste and firewood.

**Stop 4- 1:20pm-2:15pm: USDA Plant Inspection-222 Kansas St, El Segundo, CA**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Once availability is confirmed, a description of activities attendees will participate in will be added.

**2:15pm-3:15pm:** *Bus to Stop 5*

Bus #1 Speaker: Chris Scianni

Bus #2 speaker:  from Long Beach (incoming commerce through port topic).

**Stop 5: 3:15pm-4:30pm Port of Long Beach / harbor viewpoint or reserved port**

*Purpose/Taxa:* There is an option of a private tour available. Attendees will learn about marine invasive species, mollusks and other invertebrates. There will be a demonstration of ballast water and cargo inspection, water infrastructure, and discussion on environmental justice near port communities.

**4:30-5:00 pm:** *Bus to Stop 6*

**Stop 6: 5:00pm-5:35pm Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Attendees will learn about wetland, vertebrates, aquatic plants, golden mussels, invasive Spartina-style management discussion, and interagency access constraints. Other invasive species to be covered at this site will include *Tamarix* and *Arundo*.

**5:10 -5:35pm:** *Return to Los Alamitos*

The tour ends back at the Los Alamitos facility. Discussion planned for this portion includes Southern California regional gaps, freight pathway coordination, and participant feedback.

David Pegos asked Randall Oliver to reach out to Bob Mackie as connection for the LA tour. David Pegos also shared that the contract with the University of California (UC) Davis is finalized and will confirm buses and associated logistics are prepared. He said the Orange and LA County Agricultural Commissioners (CACs) are engaged in the planning of the LA tours. David Pegos will reach out to Heath Nathaniel from the UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) and to Mosquito Vector Control in LA County.

Dr. Bea Nobua-Behrmann suggested inviting a representative from the organizations mentioned at the next meeting for planning and logistics (point of contact needed from each tour stop) and she will also bring a sample of ISHB. Chris Scianni will follow up with the El Dorado Nature Center and the City of Long Beach. Tim Crothers and Chris Scianni have already inspected the ISHB infested tree at the nature center for a demonstration. Dr. Ricky Lara requested CBP come to the Carson facility and potentially have a dog team demonstration.

Stephanie Lucero shared the action items for the LA tour. There needs to be confirmation of the dates with strike team. David Pegos will reach out to the CACs. Dr. Shannon Lynch will speak with Rhonda Wood from Disney regarding the ISHB topic and LA tour. Ellen Walton from LA County will ask her team to join the tour and requested the dates to share that information.

#### Eureka tour (tentative)

Stephanie Lucero shared the Eureka tour draft schedule document. The tour should ideally occur in the August to early September time frame but could also occur in July and be held mid-week to avoid events and accommodate strike team schedules and site availability. The strike team for this tour will include David Pegos, Shannon Lynch, David Juliano, Chris Lee, Ashley Hawkins, Ambika Saini, LaChandra Marzetta, and Stephanie Lucero. The dates being considered for the Eureka tour include July: 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. August: 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>\* 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **9:00am-10:00am: Humboldt County Agricultural Commissioner's Office**

*Purpose/Taxa:* This tour will begin with an overview of the CACs' Office. There will be a Welcome and Orientation, followed by an introduction to the Agricultural Commissioner, ending with a weight and measures overview.

#### **10:00am-10:15am: Bus to Stop 1**

*Purpose/Taxa:* There will be a bus discussion prepping for Eureka High School.

#### **Stop 1: 10:15am-10:35am: Eureka High School**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Attendees will learn about Giant Knapweed-eradication options, with the possibility of a detection dog demonstration.

#### **10:35am-11:40am: Bus to Stop 2**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Attendees will participate in bus discussion on the Klamath River restoration, salmon disease, harmful algal blooms, invasive plants and tribal sovereignty.

**Stop 2: 11:40am-12:45pm: Klamath River/Yurok partner briefing**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Attendees will learn about tribal, fishery, water-quality and restoration perspectives. This stop will feature discussion on the lower Klamath dam removals, which reopened 400 miles of salmon habitat making and cross jurisdictional restoration. The Yurok representatives can discuss the recent sod webworms infestation of their lands and the state of emergency response. Stephanie has reached out to the Yurok tribe and is waiting for a response from the representative that works on invasive species management. This site will also serve as a lunch stop.

**12:45pm-1:00pm: Bus to Stop 3**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Attendees will participate in discussion on *Phytophthora* laterals, terrestrial plants, roadside weed corridors, and sudden oak death response.

**Stop 3: 1:00pm-2:00pm: Prairie Creek Redwoods/El Prairie area**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Attendees will learn about forest ecosystems, terrestrial plants, plant disease, arthropods, vertebrates, prevention hygiene and visitor pathways. There will also be a hiking hygiene presentation.

**2:00pm-3:10pm: Bus to Stop 4**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Attendees will join bus discussion on marine invasive species, European green crab, aquaculture biosecurity, shellfish pathways, mollusks and other invertebrates.

**3:25pm-3:55pm: Samoa Beach – is tentatively added, depending on route time.**

**Stop 4: 3:55pm-4:55pm: Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge/Shorebird Loop**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Attendees will be shown the wetland refuge, migratory birds, aquatic plants/algae, invasive invertebrates. Topics of discussion will include refuge management and agriculture wildlife interface at this site.

**4:55pm-5:30pm: Return to 5630 S Broadways.**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Ask attendees for feedback on wrap-up gaps, success and regional consideration for summit goals.

Stephanie Lucero asked Dr. Shannon Lynch about contact with the Wiyot tribe and Dr. Shannon Lynch will reach out and establish communication. She also informed Stephanie Lucero that Chris Lee contacted a member from the Yurok tribe, and she will share the information with her. David Pegos reminded Stephanie Lucero to reach out to the Humboldt CAC for contact information for his daughter, who works with the tribe.

Dr. Shannon Lynch suggested that during the bus ride to Prairie Creek (restoration area), she could discuss sudden oak death response. Other action items include asking David Juliano about the status on reaching out to Green Diamond Timber Company. Another task is finding a contact for the dam removal project.

Delta Tour (tentative)

Stephanie Lucero shared the Delta tour draft schedule document. The ideal dates in order of preference are August 5<sup>th</sup> or July 29<sup>th</sup>. Dates should be between July 11<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup> due to site availability. Tours will need to be scheduled on Wednesday or Thursday to accommodate site availability. The strike team for this tour will include David Pegos, Shannon Lynch, Gina Darin, Elizabeth Brusati, Ambika Saini, LaChandra Marzetta, and Stephanie Lucero. The dates being considered for the Delta tour include July: 23<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>. August: 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Stop 1: 9:00am-9:45am The UC Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM) / UCANR – Davis**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Attendees will be presented information on the statewide IPM overview, agriculture community engagement, pest detection, invasive arthropods, plant disease, and science-to-policy translation. Kris Godfrey and Dr. Ricky Lara will be speakers for this tour site.

**9:45am-10:30am: Bus to Stop 2**

**Stop 2: 10:30am-11:30am: Rush Ranch**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Attendees will be shown brackish marsh, waterfowl, invasive vertebrates, aquatic weeds, levees, mosquito/vector control, and agriculture-wetland interface. There may be a drone presentation on water demonstrating herbicide treatment at Suisun marsh, with permission from the Land Trust. For this tour we may possibly coordinate with Krista Hoffman from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) as a speaker.

**11:30am–12:30pm: Bus to Stop 3**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Attendees will participate in discussion of Suisun-to-Delta transitions, water exports, recreation, and invasive species spread.

**Stop 3: 12:30pm-2:00pm: Big Break Regional Shoreline Visitor Center**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Attendees will learn about the Delta ecology, public education, aquatic plants/algae. There will be a golden mussel discussion by Martha Volkoff, a discussion on nutria by Valerie Cook, CDFW could show a nutria trap scenario, and interagency reporting. The site will serve as a lunch stop. A few show and tell items for this tour will include bringing nutria, golden mussel, and the original pipe that California Department of Water Resources (DWR) found the mussel on.

**Stop 4: 2:45pm–3:30pm Cosumnes River Preserve**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Attendees will learn about the riparian and wetland restoration, invasive terrestrial plants, aquatic plants/algae, birds and other vertebrates, mosquito/vector disease, and community science. This site will serve as a good opportunity to talk about MOB.

**3:30–4:15 pm: Return to UC IPM, Davis**

Attendees will participate in tour discussions on legislative takeaways, Prop 4 alignment, statewide coordination gaps, and summit recommendations.

Central California – (Legislative) Sacramento Tour

Stephanie Lucero shared the legislative tour draft schedule. The dates being considered for the legislative tour are July 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, (the legislative session ends August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026).

**Stop 1: 9:00am-11:00am: Meet at CDFA Meadowview Campus – Plant Pest Diagnostics**

*Purpose/Taxa:* The tour will begin at the CDFA Meadowview campus and will showcase the Chemical Laboratory, Biological Control Facilities, Meadowview Warehouse, and the Diagnostic Laboratory.

**11:00am– Bus to Stop 2**

**Stop 2: 11:30am-12:00pm: Japanese Dodder** 5224 Assembly Ct, Sacramento, CA 95823. This location will serve as a quick stop and provide an in-bus discussion on Japanese dodder and the Comprehensive Pest Prevention Program Analysis (CP3A) report before the next stop.

**Stop 3: 12:00pm UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Sacramento Office**

*Purpose/Taxa:* This tour site will be a working lunch and a presentation by UCCE.

**Stop 4: 1:00pm – Tour Sacramento CAC Office**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Participants will walk over to the Sacramento County Agriculture Department presentation on pest detection and pest exclusion programs. Topics at this site will include the Japanese beetle, and a dog team demonstration.

**2:00pm-2:30pm – Bus to Stop 5**

**Stop 5: 2:30pm-3:00pm – Aquatic Invasive Stop at Arden Bar Pond**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Discussion at this location will feature marine invasive species.

**3:00pm-3:30pm – Bus to Stop 6**

**Stop 6: 3:30pm-4:30pm – Tour Matsuda's Nursery Stop.**

*Purpose/Taxa:* Attendees will tour the nursery stop.

**4:30pm-5:00pm – In route back to Meadowview.**

**5:00pm – Arrive back to Meadowview – Plant Pest Diagnostics.**

There will be smaller groups arranged to circulate through the various stops at the Meadowview Campus location. David Pegos will reach out to Kevin Martin at Sacramento County to coordinate on possible sites to see Japanese beetle. Koren Widdel asked about the opportunity to discuss the CP3A report with the legislative staff. Victoria Hornbaker agreed that the CP3A report would demonstrate a significant evaluation of the data generated thus far and analyze where future funds could support invasive species management in the state of California.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 pm. The next CISAC Invasive Species Subcommittee for the Outreach & Education meeting is scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, at 2:00 pm.