

**California Invasive Species Advisory Committee
December 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

CISAC Members:

Tim Crothers	Ricky Lara	Katie Sutherland-Ashley
Gina Darin	Lori Nezhura	Martha Volkoff
Ted Grosholz	Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann	Koren Widdel
David Haviland	Steve Schoenig	Helene Wright
Brent Johnson	Tom Smith	Tong Yang
Vicki Kramer	Sheri Smith	

CISAC Members Absent:

Tom Getts	Shannon Lynch
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California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Staff:

Jonathan Babineau	Dr. David Morgan	Canh Nguyen
Mark McLoughlin	David Pegos	Secretary Karen Ross

Guests:

Claire Acken	Edward Hard	Randall Oliver
John Beall	Krista Hoffman	Jennifer Osmondson
Elizabeth Brusati	Doug Johnson	Adrian Poloni
Loree Bryer	Brent Johnson	Cynthia Powell
Justin Bush	John Kabashima	Daydre Roser
Stacey Clark	Jane Kelly	Christopher Shogren
Jocelyn Claude	Jenny Ketterlin	Robert Sisson
Melissa Cregan	Jason Killian	Cristina Torres
Erik Downs	Karen Lowerison	Hannah Vasilis
Travis Elder	Lori Miyasato	Ellen Walton
Jim Farrar	KayLynn Newhart	Rachel Wigginton
Mel Grahamn	Sam Nielsen	Nan Wishner
Don Grosman	Dominique Norton	Jeremy Zagarella
Linda Haque		

Opening

The first meeting of the reformed California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on December 10, 2021 held by webinar.

Secretary Karen Ross welcomed committee members, guests and staff. She thanked the committee members for agreeing to serve. She cited the dangers of climate change and the need to monitor invasive species and respond to threats using the best available technologies.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

CISAC 2022 Meeting Dates

David Pegos presented three calendars of upcoming 2021 quarterly CISAC meetings. It was decided that meetings held on the fourth Tuesday of the month (January 25, April 26,

July 26 and October 25, 2022) would allow the most participation.

CISAC Leadership

All CISAC members, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) staff and guests introduced themselves. David requested a vote on Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Ted Grosholz stated that as Chairperson he would have a broad view of all issues the Committee will be dealing with, like climate change and the future of the state. He stated that he has ties to the Federal Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force and the Western Regional Panel. Martha Volkoff stated that she works with California's western states and federal agencies and hopes to bring representation of the wild lands and non-agriculture industries to CISAC.

Motion: To elect Martha Volkoff as CISAC Chairperson.

Motion Carries: Nine yays (Tim Crothers, Brent Johnson, Vicki Kramer, Ricky Lara, Lori Nezhura, Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann, Tom Smith, Katie Sutherland-Ashley, Martha Volkoff and Tong Yang) and seven nays (Gina Darin, Ted Grosholz, David Haviland, Steve Schoenig, Katie Sutherland-Ashley, Koren Widdel and Helene Wright).

Motion: To elect Ted Grosholz as CISAC Vice-Chairperson.

Motion Carries: The motion passed unanimously.

The Secretary position was left open and will be revisited at the January 25, 2022 meeting. The CISAC Subcommittee was created to discuss and recommend edits to the charters and bylaws in accordance with AB 2470. The Subcommittee will include Gina Darin, Tom Smith, Doug Johnson, David Pegos and Jonathan Babineau.

PRESENTATIONS

Invasive Species Council of California and CISAC Overview

David stated that the goal of CISAC is cross-agency communication. The Advisory Committee works to provide recommendations for the Invasive Species Council of California (ISCC), the highest authority on invasive species in state government. Working groups are created for specific issues. Among the 19 members of the Committee, the member makeup of CISAC is: 4 members designated by the CDFA secretary; 4 members designated by the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency; 1 member appointed by the Secretary for Environmental Protection; 1 member appointed by the Secretary of Transportation; 1 member appointed by the Secretary of California Health and Human Services; 1 member appointed by the Director of Emergency Services; 1 member appointed by the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association and; 6 members appointed by the co-chairs of the ISCC.

Invasive Species Summit

David stated that ISCC held an Invasive Species Summit on January 11-12, 2018 to: identify actions in the Strategic Framework that should be prioritized; identify agencies stakeholders and resources that can be coordinated to implement those actions and; to identify challenges to implementing those actions. Among other outcomes, AB 2470 was recommended by way of the Summit to formally establish the ISCC and CISAC to advise the ISCC, and AB 2054 recommended to instruct the ISCC and CISAC to coordinate with state and local agencies and stakeholder groups on invasive species like Invasive Shot-hole Borer (ISHB). CDFA and the Natural Resources Agency co-chair the Council, and the Environmental Protection Agency, State Transportation Agency, Health and Human Services Agency and Governor's Office of Emergency Services are members. The Council

performs coordinated efforts to exclude invasive species from California and to eliminate or mitigate the impact of established invasive species. The Council develops and maintains a list of invasive species likely to enter California and issues strategic goals and objectives for state agencies developed through a public process.

David noted that ISCC received \$10,000,000 to combat ISHB. The money was focused on: biocontrol, pathway and steam elimination research; a statewide trapping program; public outreach and; tree removal. He stated that money has been set aside for four invasive species weed tours for local people, legislators and CISAC members.

Development of Recommendations

The Committee developed a list of programs that could benefit from CISAC's allocated \$5,000,000 funds this year and next year. Members will vote on which programs to fund at the next Committee meeting on January 25, 2022. This list of suggestions included:

1. Invasive Species Summit.
2. Operational funds for CISAC/Council meetings.
3. Invasive Species tours.
4. Shothole Borer and/or Mediterranean Oak Borer funding (outreach, research and trapping).
5. Expanding use of iNaturalist.
6. Collaboration between databases, websites and maps.
7. Weed manager rapid response areas (and other widespread management).
8. Emergency rapid response fund and platforms.
9. Funding the Firewood Task Force.
10. Funding the Don't Pack a Pest campaign and the Border Protection Stations.
11. Equipment to enable better invasive species monitoring and mitigation.
12. A dedicated support staff for CISAC (website, operational, and investigative).
13. Items not chosen from first Summit: ecological & economic impact report; rapid response work group; biological control research; increased statewide branding; incentives, certification and regulation to control high-risk vectors.
14. Updating the living list of Invasive Species and pathways.
15. Interagency cooperation for pathways.
16. Agricultural Commissioners assisting with pathway inspection and internet sales inspection.
17. Funding for statewide wood borer and wasp trapping.
18. Funding for evaluation, research and demonstrations from West Coast Arborists, Master Gardeners, and/or Cal Naturalists.
19. Funding to restore areas after removing Invasive Species or to prevent invasive species after disasters.
20. Biosecurity.
21. An additional training facility and expanded detection for California dog teams.
22. Funding for workshops and more and larger facilities for biocontrol, and to integrate biocontrol with existing strategies.
23. Funding for smart technologies like automated traps and drones.
24. Funding to find existing tools that work with climate change.
25. Development of more Integrated Pest Management tools
26. Funding for comprehensive youth education and outreach.
27. Education to the general public

David stated that there will be one or more Subcommittee meetings prior to the next CISAC quarterly meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m. The next scheduled CISAC meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 via webinar.