

**California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC)
January 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

CISAC Members:

Tim Crothers	Brent Johnson	Tom Smith
Gina Darin	Shannon Lynch	Katie Sutherland-Ashley
Tom Getts	Lori Nezhura	Martha Volkoff
Ted Grosholz	Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann	Koren Widdel
David Haviland	Steve Schoenig	Tong Yang

CISAC Members Absent:

Vicki Kramer	Sheri Smith	Helene Wright
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Guests:

Jonathan Babineau	Doug Johnson	Brian Owens
Elizabeth Brusati	Ajay Jones	David Pegos
Loree Bryer	John Kabashima	Christopher Potter
David Bubenheim	Melanie Keeley	Cynthia Powell
Stacey Clark	Jenny Ketterlin	Raj Randhawa
Christiana Conser	Rachael Klopfenstein	Terri Reeder
Kim Corella	David Kratville	Joe Scheele
Anabele Cornejo	Karen Lowerison	Christopher Shogren
Lauren Dennhardt	John Malpas	Vincent Strode
Curtis Ewing	Caitlin Mathey	Alexandria Stubblefield
Wade Finlinson	Juli Matos	Amanda Swanson
Sarah Godfrey	Mark McLoughlin	Curtis Takahashi
Angela Godwin	Sarah Mellor	Greta Varien
Linda Haque	LeeAnne Mila	Ellen Walton
Edward Hard	Lori Miyasato	Rachel Wigginton
Gretchen Heimlich	Annika Nabors	Priscilla Yeane
Krista Hoffmann	Randall Oliver	

Opening

The meeting of the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on January 25, 2022 held by webinar.

Chair Martha Volkoff welcomed committee members, guests and staff. She thanked prior CISAC committee members for their contributions. David Pegos noted that there will be a Spotted Lantern Fly (SLF) Summit on March 1-3, 2022 and an SLF presentation on February 17, 2022.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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

CISAC Leadership

The Committee unanimously appointed Shannon Lynch as CISAC Secretary. Shannon

Lynch joined the Subcommittee consisting of Gina Darin, Doug Johnson, Tom Smith, Martha Volkoff, Ted Grosholz and David Pegos to review and update the Invasive Species Council of California by-laws and CISAC charter.

PRESENTATIONS

Development of Recommendations for Invasive Species Funds

The Invasive Species project recommendations list produced at the previous CISAC meeting was further refined into a list of ready projects with approximate costs and project leads to present as recommendations to the State Department Secretaries. These recommendations include:

1. \$100,000 for an Invasive Species Summit;
2. \$25,000 for operational funds and transport costs for CISAC and the Invasive Species Council of California (ISCC) meetings;
3. \$100,000 to update the living list of Invasive Species website and identify pathways both historical and modern for CISAC prioritization;
4. \$100,000 for four tours to raise awareness of Invasive Species;
5. \$300,000 for a two-year limited term staff member dedicated to assisting CISAC and ISCC with updating the website, operational concerns, investigating follow-up items, and contract and grant matters;
6. \$500,000 set aside as a reserve fund for rapid response;
7. \$1,100,000 to continue shothole borer funding for one year, \$300,000 for outreach and trapping coordinators, \$750,000 for trapping and \$50,000 for lab maintenance;
8. \$1,000,000 for the Weed Management Area Program and potentially restoration after removing invasive species or disasters;
9. \$100,000 for expanding the exotic wood borer survey and trapping program to include a southern Californian program;
10. \$200,000 for an expansion of statewide, early detection survey for aquatic invasive species for one crew of three staff for one year;
11. \$600,000 for completing removal and follow-up monitoring for 2-3 years of the China Cove, Lower Newport Bay infestation of *Caulerpa prolifera*.

Motion: To approve the list of recommendations to the Invasive Species Council of California as presented.

First: David Haviland

Second: Tom Getts

Motion carries: The motion passed unanimously.

There are additional potential recommendations awaiting firmer funding information, leadership or CISAC consensus. These include: smart technologies like automated traps and drones and synchronizing those tools with existing biocontrol, potentially led by Ricky Lara and Eddie Hard; expanding biocontrol like more workshops and repair and expansion of facilities, potentially led by Ricky Lara; development of more IPM tools; expanding education through programs like Ag in the Classroom and Learning Tree, potentially led by David Pegos and Randall Oliver; expanding the California dog teams and creating an additional training facility in California, potentially led by David Pegos and Koren Widdel; a biosecurity working group, potentially led by Brent Johnson and Juli Matos; expanding demonstrations, evaluation and research with the West Coast Arborists, Master Gardeners and Cal Naturalists; California Agricultural Commissioner pathway inspections and inspection of internet sales for pests, potentially led by Koren Widdel; equipment such as air curtain burners or tub grinders; increased public education using billboards and signage around the border stations and on rural highways, suggested by David Haviland; collaboration between databases, websites and map programs; and expansion of the

iNaturalist application.

2022 CA Invasive Weed Tours

Tom Getts explained that the Invasive Species Tours have received funding but are still in the planning stages. The tours are intended to raise awareness of invasive weed species and current research, particularly with Agricultural Commissioner staff, biologists, city and county political figures, and legislator staff.

Martha Volkoff, Ted Grosholz, Shannon Lynch, Beatrice Nobua-Behrman, Steve Shoenig, Tom Smith, Curtis Ewing, Randall Oliver and Koren Widdel volunteered to work with Tom Getts on the tours.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. The next scheduled CISAC meeting will take place on April 25, 2022 via webinar.