

**MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA INVASIVE SPECIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
(ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC)

**Location:** Health & Human Services Bldg  
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**MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 21, 2010**

Item  
No.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

- (a) The meeting was called to order Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at approximately 10:05 a.m. Doug Johnson, Chair to the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee
- (b) Welcome remarks provided by Doug Johnson, Chair.
- (c) Pledge of Allegiance.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Sarah Her, CDFA.

**Present:**

Arcularius, Linda	Brandon, Victoria	Chapel, Mike
Chavarria, Gabriel	Conser, Christiana	DiTomaso, Joseph
Fox, Andrea	Godfrey, Larry	Guise, Vince
Hoffman, Robert	Johnson, Doug	Maddux-Gonzalez, Mary
McDowell, Karen	Pattison, David	Randall, John
Sonnabend, Zea		

**Absent:**

Batkin, Ted	De Leon, Ricardo	Dolezal, Robert
Faria, Dennis	Melander, Leigh	Schierenbeck, Kristina
Tomlinson, Rick	Warner, Keith	

**(3) DISCUSSION**

The Committee discussed the opening position for the Public position and whether to look for a replacement or keep the position vacant.

**MOTION:** Committee member Victoria Brandon moved to approve that the Communications group will take on this task. Council member Mary Maddux-Gonzalez seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

**(4) DISCUSSION**

The Committee discussed the CISAC Specialty Crop Block Grant proposal: information included, proposed next steps, and asked for letters of support. The Committee also discussed money from CDFA that has been proposed to be spent on a brochure highlighting top invasive species in California and a short DVD to send to farmers, commissioners, etc.

It was also announced that Dr. Robert Leavitt had obtained a new position as Chair of the North American Invasive Species Network.

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Committee.

**(5) DISCUSSION**

The final invasive species list with rankings was presented to the Committee members. Concerns from Council members were heard. There were many suggestions made to continue to enhance the list process.

**MOTION:** Committee member Andrea Fox moved to approve the list for presentation to the ISCC Secretaries. Committee member Joe DiTomaso seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

**(6) INVASIVE SPECIES UPDATE**

**(7) DISCUSSION**

The Committee was presented with the CISAC action plan, drafted by Lara Polansky. It compares the action plans of other states and has created seven categories that need teams to create plans for each. It was suggested that multiple strategies at different price points be created then depending on levels of funding available and that now is a good time to prepare for Legislative briefings of the list. These plans should be ready by the next meeting in 2 months. All meetings will be held every two months.

The discussion concluded with these duties:

Prevention: Vince, John, Ted, Robert  
Detection: Vince, Dennis, Bob, Zea,  
Response: Vince, Dennis, Bob, Zea  
Management: David, Joseph, Christiana  
Outreach: Communications group: Victoria, Linda, Mary  
Research: Larry, Kristina, Zea  
Laws and Regulations: David, Andrea, Rick, Karen  
Editorial: Doug, Karen, Gabriela, Robert

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Council.

**(8) PRESENTATION TO AGENCY SECRETARIES/ISCC**

The Invasive Species Council of California members were either present or in representation at the meeting to hear for the first time the presentation of the list created by CISAC. In attendance were: Undersecretary Greg Albright of the Business, Transportation & Housing Agency, Susan Ellis representing Secretary Snow from Dept. of Natural Resources, Secretary Kawamura of the Dept. of Food & Agriculture, Christina Curry representing Secretary Bettenhausen of the Emergency Management Agency, Sylvia Nguyen representing Secretary Adams of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Dr. Mark Horton, Secretary of Dept. of Public Health. Short overviews of the work and thought process that went into creating the list was given by each CISAC taxonomic working group to the ISCC.

**MOTION:** Dr. Horton moved to approve for the Invasive Species Council of California to adopt the list developed by CISAC as a living document. Undersecretary Albright seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

The strategic plan is the next step and will be a roadmap for actions to strengthen state response to invasive species. The first public draft product is to be produced by September. The final product is to be completed in November 2010. Secretary Kawamura has suggested editorials to be given to each Secretary by representatives of the list and actions made on this day. Albright suggests that the Strategic Growth Council be tied into ISCC/CISAC.

**(9) CLOSING COMMENTS**

The Committee discussed appreciation of ISCC questions and comments, thank you's to leadership in the CISAC, and much enthusiasm as one step has completed and the next is to begin.

**(10) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND ADJOURNMENT**

There were no public comments. With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:50 p.m.