

**CALIFORNIA INVASIVE SPECIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CISAC)
MEETING
CDFA AUDITORIUM**

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Opening:

The regular meeting of the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on November 9, 2011 in Sacramento, by Committee Chair Doug Johnson.

CISAC Members Present:

Brandon, Victoria	Christiana, Conser	DeLeon, Ricardo
DiTomaso, Joseph	Fox, Andrea	Godfrey, Larry
Goldsmith, Jay	Guise, Vince	Johnson, Doug
Lydick, Julie	McDowell, Karen	Peterson, Betsy
Schierenbeck, Kristina	Sonnabend, Zea	

CISAC Members Absent:

Arcularius, Linda	Hoffman, Robert	Pattison, David
Randall, John	Warner, Keith	

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Staff Present:

Espinoza, Alexandra	Kelch, Dean	Sawyer, Susan
Webster, Austin	Zadig, Dorthea	

Department of Fish and Game Staff Present:

Ellis, Susan

Opening Comments:

Chair Doug Johnson welcomed the Committee, staff, and members of the public participating in person and online. He recognized Linda Arcularis, Robert Hoffman, Zea Sonnabend, and Keith Warner, the CISAC members who will be terming out on December 31, 2011 and informed the Committee that David Pegos is working on a press release for nominations for CISAC appointees. The goal is to get the press release out to as many stakeholders as possible to get a well rounded group of nominees and self-nominees.

Approval of minutes

Julie Lydick and Dorthea Zadig requested minor grammatical edits to the minutes which were agreed upon by the Committee.

Motion: Approve the minutes of the September 21, 2011 CISAC meeting with approved edits made by: Kristina Schierenbeck
Second: Betsy Peterson
Abstaining: Ricardo De Leon, Joseph DiTomaso, Karen McDowell, Larry Godfrey and Andrea Fox, who were not present at the September 21, 2011 meeting

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

(a) Discussion and action on meeting procedures

Committee members discussed how they would like to include public comments in the meeting minutes. Consensus developed that verbal public comments given at the meeting will be included in the minutes as a summary but will not be verbatim. Written comments may be submitted for committee review anytime. Those presented at a committee meeting will be summarized in the meeting minutes.

Motion: Include public comments in the meeting minutes as a summary.
Made by: Victoria Brandon
Second: Karen McDowell
All in favor

The Committee discussed the ways the public can submit written comments. It was suggested that the CISAC website have a form or button where the public can submit comments that will be distributed to the Committee for review and possibly be displayed somewhere on the CISAC website. Doug Johnson will consult with CDFA's Information Technology Services branch in regards to what the capabilities are for creating a public comment section on the website. The Committee will also get further information about possibly setting up a list serv and an organizational sign-on for the CISAC website.

Karen McDowell: Suggested that the Committee meet less often or have web attendance capability. Currently, the CISAC meets officially six times a year. The committee decided to revisit this issue at the January 19, 2012 meeting.

(b) Update on call for nominations

There are 9 openings for nomination on the CISAC. The press release is scheduled for mid November; there will be a 30-45 day response period. The ISCC will then meet and review the nominations. The CISAC plans to greet the new Committee members at the January 19, 2012 meeting.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(a) Update from the Invasive Plant Sub-Committee (Doug Johnson)

The first official meeting took place on November 8, 2011 at the Natural Resources Building. The first meeting was focused on funding and support. There are long term structural needs to make sure programs are supported and short term needs to ensure

programs do not lose progress and gains on the ground. There are many beneficiaries of invasive plant programs but how can funding and support be secured by them. The Committee members expressed many ideas about potential funding sources for invasive plant programs and will continue to look into available resources. The Sub-Committee is scheduled to meet again on January 18, 2012.

(b) Consider Creating invasive mussel sub-committee

At the September 21, 2011 CISAC meeting Supervisor Rushing from Lake County presented on mussel issues and the Lake County resolution. The CISAC has considered forming an invasive mussel sub-committee but are unsure of how they can assist with this issue.

Susan Ellis: met with Supervisor Rushing, Supervisor Fairington, Secretary John Laird, and Department of Fish and Game (DFG) staff to discuss the mussel issue in Lake County. The County Supervisors proposed issuing a state of emergency and are seeking funding and enforcement authority for mussel control in Clear Lake. Additionally, the Supervisors are considering the appropriateness of state legislation to meet some of these needs. DFG will be meeting again with the Lake County Supervisors before the first of the year and will attempt to connect members of county government with the Wildlife Conservation Board to discuss funding for inspection stations.

The Committee agreed that they would revisit this issue after Victoria Brandon follows up with the Lake County Supervisors to determine what role they feel that the CISAC could play.

PRESENTATIONS:

(a) State Coastal Conservancy- CAAIST and Pathways Study

Sue Corbaly - Unable to attend. Doug Johnson distributed a flyer on their work, and Susan Ellis commented on their work.

(b) California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) Cal Weed Mapper and Prevention Best Management Practices (Doug Johnson)

Cal Weed Mapper is an online mapping tool showing statewide distribution of 200+ plant species based on expert interviews with local land managers. The tool is designed to help with managing a specific area; it shows where species are, how they might overlap with conservation priorities, how they could spread in the future, and what the pathways of spread are. The tool also generates a list of plants that represent particular management opportunities for any particular region. The management opportunities are broken into three categories, surveillance, eradication, and containment. This can be used as a basis for setting regional invasive plant management goals. In the future there will be a comment section where people can leave remarks. Experts will be identified and will have editing rights which will help keep the database current.

Cal-IPC is also working on producing manuals on best management practices (BMPs) for preventing the spread of invasive plants. The first manual focuses on land managers, and has been released. The next will focus on those managing transportation and utility corridors.

UPDATES

(a) Strategic Framework (Andrea Fox)

The framework is done and will be finalized after the ISCC Secretaries complete the cover letter. The document will be converted into a PDF then posted on the CISAC website. There will be 1500 copies printed and distributed. The Committee can later revisit printing more if necessary.

(b) Invasive Species List and Scorecards (Christiana Conser)

The coding is complete for all pathways for all groups except for arthropods which will be finished at a later date. Next step is to complete the coding then have the list reviewed. After the review is completed, the pathways will be analyzed to determine which species came in through each specific pathway. The report will be finished and presented to the Committee on January 19, 2012.

(c) Farmers Market and Ag in the Classroom Outreach (Andrea Fox)

The Farmers Market brochure needs formatting work and efforts are needed on outreach mechanisms and methods for gauging effectiveness. After the framework is finalized the focus will be to complete the brochure.

Ag in the Classroom produces materials for use in the classroom to teach children about agricultural issues. They recently received a grant for \$5,000 and have asked CISAC to match the funding to produce materials about invasive species. Ag in the Classroom is producing the first draft of the materials which will be presented at the January 19, 2012 meeting.

(d) “Buy it Where you Burn It” firewood campaign (Julie Lydick)

David Pegos represented the Firewood Task Force at the Continental Dialogue Meeting on Non-Native Forest Insects and Diseases in Boulder Colorado. The Task Force made contact with Bureau of Land Management staff who have agreed to work with them. The next Firewood Task Force meeting is November 29, 2011 at the Forest Service office in Davis.

(e) Pest Management Symposium (Doug Johnson)

CDFA is planning a series of symposia on 21st century pest management, with the first meeting to occur on November 30, 2011. Broad participation in the dialogue is desired. The meeting will start with presentations and panel discussions followed by round table discussion, breakout sessions, and a final unified wrap-up discussion. There will be

several topics discussed, prevention and exclusion, on the ground management, trade issues and many others.

(f) Fish and Wildlife Vision Process (Doug Johnson)

Attended half of the day-long Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting on Tuesday, November 8. The goal is to formalize what will be passed on to the Executive Committee to determine if they want to put it out as their first public review draft. They intend to finish the Vision Process by February 2012. There may be opportunity for the Committee to influence them to include specific invasive species issues. At the January 19 meeting the Committee may consider making comments.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Doug Johnson: Was invited by AG Kawamura who is involved in the Board of the Delta Vision Foundation to give a presentation on CISAC and invasive species at one of their meetings several weeks ago. The talk was well received, with a lot of interest. There are partners out there who are concerned about invasive species.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments made.

Next meeting: The next regularly scheduled CISAC meeting will take place at 10:00 AM on January 19, 2011 in Sacramento.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM

Minutes submitted by: Alexandra Espinoza, CDFA

Approved by: Victoria Brandon, CISAC Secretary