

**CALIFORNIA INVASIVE SPECIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CISAC) MEETING
Auditorium , CDFA BUILDING**

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 15, 2012

Opening:

The regular meeting of the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on November 15, 2012 in Sacramento, by Committee Vice Chair Victoria Brandon in the absence of Chair Andrea Fox.

Members present:

Bob Atkins, Victoria Brandon, Christiana Conser, Ricardo DeLeon, Larry Godfrey, Jay Goldsmith, Vince Guise, Doug Johnson, Jeanne Merrill, Betsy Peterson, Kristina Schierenbeck, Robin Wall, Helene Wright, Richard Forster, Marcy Martin

Not present:

Karen Buhr, Jim Cranney, Lou Anne Cummings, Joseph DiTomaso, Andrea Fox, Karen McDowell, David Pattison, John Randall

CDFA:

Dr. Robert Leavitt, David Pegos, Austin Webster

Opening remarks:

- Kristina Schierenbeck – Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) is disappearing from Fall River and no one is certain what might have been responsible for the die-off. USDA-ARS is studying whether environmental changes are responsible.
 - o Dr. Leavitt commented that he used to consult on that river where there was a thick infestation which was difficult to work in and effectively spray.
- Vince Guise – 20% drop in interceptions at ports in SF that they attribute to outreach with shippers and in country of origin. Pallets are cleaned and mud is removed before shipping overseas.
- Robin Wall – A new representative was chosen for Customs and Border Control in Florida to act as an Ag liaison.
- Victoria Brandon – Writer Diane Ackerman wrote an [article](#) on invasive species in Florida that appeared in the New York Times Opinionator blog on 10/27/2012.
- Vince Guise – Found 2 new species in Contra Costa county: Japanese knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*) and wooly distaff thistle (*Carthamus lanatus*). They were found on a freeway median and they believe they fell off a trailered ATV.
 - o Dr. Leavitt commented that border stations should ask drivers to remove the mud from ATVs before entering CA.
- Victoria Brandon – She attended the Sacramento Valley RCD conference and a farmer brought her some seeds of *Datura ferox*, a common pastureland weed. He said it had come from birdseed, and was reported to be toxic.
- David Pegos – Firewood Task Force update

- o At the Continental Dialogue, the industry was talking about national standards for firewood.
 - Bob Atkins asked whether the CISAC can review the national standards?
 - Helene Wright commented that the national standards are industry –driven, not federal regulations.
 - Standards – gold, silver, bronze
- o Firewood Task Force will have a booth at the Arbor Day celebration

Presentations

- **Laird Bill**
 - Presentation postponed until Jan. meeting
- **Outreach and Education Efforts, John Hooper, CDFA**
- **Pest Risk Analysis, Jason Leathers, CDFA**
- **Reporting Pesticide Related Illness, Nino Yang, DPR**
- **2013 Meetings**
 - January 16
 - April 17
 - July 17
 - October 16
- **New CISAC Vice-Chair**
 - Bob Atkins
 - Nominated by Betsy Peterson, seconded by Vince Guise
 - All in favor, none opposed
- **Discussion**
 - **Specialty Crop Block Grant**
 - Progress report, include a report card and action plan, model after Oregon
 - **Implementation of Strategic Framework**
 - Task-TBD
 - Focus on priority areas crosscut by taxonomic groups
 - Connects to CISAC's next steps to determine what to work on next.
 - Who is the audience (is this an internal work plan or a public document?)
 - Jeanne Merrill -Can we have input into the state budget process?
 - Bob Atkins-Committee should focus on priorities, then CDFA can find funding.
 - Robert Leavitt-If you need more information about how CDFA programs work, just ask them.
 - **Committee Break-Out Groups to Identify Priorities/ Next Steps**
 - Leadership & Coordination - Mary, Jay, Doug, Andrea, Richard
 - Prevention & Exclusion - Robin, Christiana, Vince, Bob, Betsy
 - Detection & Response - Ric, Jay, Vince, Helene
 - Eradication & Management - Joe, John, Robin, Bob
 - Outreach & Public Engagement - Victoria, Betsy, Jeanne, Richard, Karen

- Fundamental & Applied Research - Kristina, Larry

- **Updates**

- **Specialty Crop Block Grant**

- Applying for 2013, smaller ask, more focused
 - New category - Ag Education, a better fit for CISAC
 - Didn't get grant in 2012 because our program isn't "on-the-ground", and not focused on specialty crops.

- **CISAC website**

- **Farmers Market outreach brochure**

- 1st draft completed
 - 2nd draft to be approved at January 16 meeting as finished product

- **21st Century Pest Management Symposium**

- Invasion biology and global invasions
 - In January 2013

Minutes submitted by CISAC Secretary Christiana Conser