

## Memorandum

To : Karen Ross, Secretary  
Executive Office, Room 400

Date: December 19, 2022

Place: Sacramento

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From : Department of Food and Agriculture -

**Mark McLoughlin, Director**  
Plant Health & Pest Prevention Services

Subject : **California Apiary Board Motion – December 13, 2022**

The Food and Agricultural Code, Sections 29020 - 29028 establish the California State Apiary Board and authorizes the Board to make recommendations to the Secretary on all matters related to and affecting the beekeeping industry.

The following motion was passed on December 13, 2022, at the California Apiary Board Meeting held via Zoom and at the California Department of Food and Agriculture headquarters. The meeting was conducted in full compliance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. Your approval is required to implement the Board's recommendation.

Board Members in Attendance (and voting on the motion):

Larry Lima (Chair), Brent Ashurst, Valeri Severson, and Trevor Tauzer

Board Members Absent:

Brad Pankratz

1. Larry Lima asked for a motion of the Board to recommend approving the minutes of the January 14, 2022, meeting (Attachment A). The motion was made by Valeri Severson. The motion was seconded by Trevor Tauzer and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

**Karen Ross**

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Karen Ross, Secretary

Date

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
CALIFORNIA STATE APIARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services  
Webinar**

**January 14, 2022  
1:00 PM**

The meeting of the California State Apiary Board was called to order at about 1:03 p.m., on January 14, 2022, by Board Chair Larry Lima.

**Board Members Present Via Webinar**

Larry Lima, Chair  
Brent Ashurst  
Valeri Severson  
Brad Pankratz  
Trevor Tauzer

**Board Members Absent**

None

**CDFA Staff Present**

Patricia Bohls, Environmental Scientist, Bee Safe Program  
Michelle Dennis, Branch Chief, Integrated Pest Control Branch  
Robert James, Environmental Program Manager, Integrated Pest Control Branch  
Melissa Amaya, Staff Services Analyst, Integrated Pest Control Branch

**Presenters**

David Stoffel, Tehama County Apiary Inspector  
Rick Gurrola, Shasta County Agricultural Commissioner

**Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act**

This meeting was held in compliance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, pursuant to Government Code Sections 11120-11132.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Lima welcomed all the attendees participating in the meeting.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Lima asked for public comment and received none.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Ashurst asked for board approval of the minutes from the October 26, 2021 meeting be accepted as written. Mr. Tauzer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed by all board members. Mr. Ashurst asked for approval of the minutes from the November 15, 2021 meeting be accepted as written. Mr. Pankratz seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed by all board members.

### **Public Member Opening**

Mr. Ashurst inquired about when we would hear about filling the public member opening on the Apiary Board. Michelle Dennis replied that she did not expect updates until February or March 2022.

### **Pollinator Forage Update**

The California Department of Food and Agriculture met with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife twice to discuss forage options and will continue to have conversations to move the discussion forward.

### **Registration Fee Discussion**

The task force met in December to discuss raising the registration fee. The Apiary Board understands and is committed to raising the registration fee and working with the California Department of Food and Agriculture and County Agricultural Commissioners to pay for a portion of the Bee Safe Program. The task force plans to meet with the County Agricultural Commissioners to further discuss raising the registration fees.

### **Next Meeting**

It was decided that the date for the next Board meeting would be determined after the task force has gathered more information and is ready to present.

### **Adjourn**

Mr. Lima adjourned the meeting at about 2:37 p.m.