

California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Integrated Pest Control Branch  
**APIARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**Via Zoom Meeting**  
**April 5, 2023**

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b><u>CDFA Personnel</u></b>
Larry Lima, Chair Brad Pankratz Valerie Severson Trevor Tauzer	None	Mark McLoughlin Michelle Dennis Robert James Jennifer Berger Jennifer Gordon

**Agency and Industry Representatives**

Rick Gurrola, Shasta County Agricultural Commissioner, CACASA Apiary Subcommittee  
Brooke Palmer, California State Beekeepers Association (CSBA), Associate Director  
Jackie Parks-Burris, CSBA Executive Committee  
Marcie Skelton, Glenn County Agricultural Commissioner  
Jimmy Hook, Kings County Agricultural Commissioner  
Louie Mendoza, Butte County Agricultural Commissioner  
Melissa Cregan, Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner  
Tony Romero, Nevada County Agricultural Biologist

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Larry Lima, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. and conducted roll call. A quorum was present for the Board.

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

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Mr. Lima welcomed everyone.

**PRIOR MEETING MINUTES- 01/12/2023**

There were no minutes ready to approve from the board meeting on January 12, 2023. It was requested that the board approve those minutes at the next Apiary Advisory Board Meeting.

### **BRIEF PROGRAM UPDATES**

CDFA gave an update on Apiary Advisory Board website and on the registration fee regulation process. There were several public comments concerned with the increase for hobbyists and the waiver process.

### **APIARY BOARD VACANCY**

CDFA gave an update where to find Apiary Advisory Board vacancy information and how to apply.

### **TROPI MITE**

The Apiary Advisory Board wants CDFA continue open communication with APHIS/USDA to keep this mite out of the United States.

### **Board Motion**

Ms. Valeri Severson moved that the Board recommends that the Secretary assist the industry by opening the Canadian border to package bees from California to protect California against the *Tropilaelaps* mite (Tropi mite). The motion was seconded by Mr. Brad Pankratz. The motion was unanimously passed by all board members in attendance.

Motion: Valeri Severson

Second: Brad Pankratz

The motion was unanimously passed by all board members in attendance.

<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Abstention</u></b>
Larry Lima, Chair		
Valerie Severson	N/A	N/A
Trevor Tauzer		
Brad Pankratz		

### **NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FEE**

CDFA will notice registration fee information on the Apiary Advisory Board website and send to CSBA as well. CDFA requested the public to send an email with additional websites to notice the information.

This topic was asked to be continued for the next board meeting.

### **BeeWhere Program**

Mr. Lima gave updates for BeeWhere.

Mr. Trevor Tauzer expressed issues regarding information privacy.

A member of the public expressed a concern that the BeeWhere program does not alert beekeepers when Vector Control makes applications that could be toxic to bees.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Information was requested for meetings and board information to be posted on the Beekeeper Association websites, beekeeping clubs and the California State Beekeepers Association website.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE/ CLOSING**

#### **Next Meeting Date**

To be determined. Specifics will be provided  
<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/Meetings/>

#### **Future Agenda Items**

1. Noticing Registration Fees
2. 2023 Board vacancies and nominations.
3. Tropi mite (*Tropilaelaps mercedesae*).
4. BeeWhere

#### **Adjourn**

Mr. Lima adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Berger  
Secretary to the Apiary Advisory Board  
California Department of Food & Agriculture