

DRAFT MINUTES

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

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>CDFA Personnel</u>
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.

Yes

Larry Lima, Chair
Valerie Severson
Trevor Tauzer
Brad Pankratz

No

N/A

Abstention

N/A

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