

California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Integrated Pest Control Branch  
**APIARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**Via Zoom Meeting**  
**June 15, 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	Robert James Jennifer Berger Jennifer Gordon

**Speakers and Subject Matter Experts**

Rick Gurrola, Shasta County Agricultural Commissioner

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Larry Lima, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

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

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

This will be Mr. Lima's last meeting on the Board; his term ends July 1, 2023.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes from January 12, 2023, were presented for approval.

**Motions: 1. Mr. Brad Pankratz moved that the minutes from January 12, 2023, meeting be approved; the motion was seconded by Mr. Trevor Tauzer. The motion was unanimously passed by all board members in attendance.**

**Yes**

Larry Lima, Chair  
Valerie Severson  
Trevor Tauzer  
Brad Pankratz

**No**

**Abstention**

## **BRIEF PROGRAM UPDATES**

CDFA gave an update on their participation in the National Honey Bee Survey. Beekeepers that have ten hives or more may contact CDFA to arrange for sampling.

## **APIARY BOARD AND PUBLIC MEMBER VACANCY NOMINATIONS**

Positions for three registered beekeeper members and one public member are vacant on the Apiary Advisory Board.

The following registered beekeepers were nominated to be board members: Brock Ashurst, Matt Beekman, and Michael Brandi. Of the candidates nominated, Brock Ashurst and Matt Beekman confirmed their interest.

Review of applications for the public member was deferred until the next meeting. Interested public member applicants with submitted applications will be listed on the Apiary Advisory Board website before the next meeting.

**Motions: 2. Mr. Brad Pankratz moved to submit Mr. Matt Beekman and Mr. Brock Ashurst as Apiary Advisory Board members to the Secretary for consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevor Tauzer. The motion was unanimously passed by all board members in attendance.**

**Yes**

Larry Lima, Chair  
Valerie Severson  
Trevor Tauzer  
Brad Pankratz

**No**

**Abstention**

## **BOARD CHAIR NOMINATION**

Mr. Lima nominated Trevor Tauzer as new chair.

**Motions: 3. Mr. Larry Lima moved to nominate Mr. Trevor Tauzer as Chair of the Apiary Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brad Pankratz. The motion was unanimously passed by all board members in attendance.**

**Yes**

Larry Lima, Chair  
Valerie Severson  
Trevor Tauzer  
Brad Pankratz

**No**

**Abstention**

## **TROPI MITE UPDATE**

The National Honey Bee Survey includes testing for the Tropi mite.

## **NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FEE**

CDFA gave an update on proposed registration fee, recommending that the board delay fees for hobbyists with nine or fewer hives until 2025. However, they will still be required to register with their county agricultural commissioner. Public comments and questions were taken.

**Motions: 4. Mr. Brad Pankratz moved to postpone the fee for hobbyist beekeepers with nine hives or less until January 2025; hobbyists must still register with their home county. The motion was seconded by Ms. Valerie Severson. The motion was unanimously passed by all board members in attendance.**

### **Yes**

Larry Lima, Chair  
Valerie Severson  
Trevor Tauzer  
Brad Pankratz

### **No**

### **Abstention**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Mr. Lima asked for public comment.

There was a request that CDFA ensure that the website registration page is working. CDFA will follow up.

## **NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

Future meetings for 2023 are anticipated to be held on the third Thursday of every month at 10 a.m. Info will be provided at: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/Meetings/>

### **Future Agenda Items**

1. Apiary Advisory Board – Public Member Vacancy

### **Adjourn**

Chair Lima adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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