

**California Department of Food and Agriculture
Integrated Pest Control Branch
APIARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (AAB)
May 16, 2024
1220 N Street, Room 133
Sacramento, CA 95814**

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>CDFA Personnel</u>
Trevor Tauzer, Chair Brad Pankratz Matt Beekman Tim Pelican (via Zoom)	Brock Ashurst Valeri Severson	Missy Amaya (via Zoom) Jennifer Berger Canh Nguyen Patricia Bolls (via Zoom) Jeffery Simons (via Zoom)

Guest Speakers and Subject Matter Experts

Marcie Skelton, Glenn County Agricultural Commissioner, (CACASA) Nursery, Seed, and Apiary, Chair
Deputy Jay Freeman, Rural Crimes Task Force, Butte County Sheriff’s Department

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Trevor Tauzer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Tauzer asked for public comment.

Melinda Gallagher, a commercial beekeeper in Placer County, voiced her concern and suggested a statewide regulation that would require a minimum distance between bee yards.

CDFA PROGRAM UPDATES

- Canh Nguyen is introduced to the Apiary Protection Program as the Environmental Program Manager I, and Jamie Melson as an Agricultural Tech I.
- Jennifer Berger presented the status of the National Honey Bee Survey.
- Jeffery Simmons presented on Border Protection Station apiary shipments.
- Patricia Bolls provided an update on the Pollinator Protection Program.

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RURAL CRIMES TASK FORCE UPDATE

Deputy Freeman provided the Rural Crimes Task Force update. 3,000 hive thefts have occurred this year, almost half have been recovered. 1600 hives enroute and landing in Kansas were returned to California.

CACASA UPDATE: APIARY

Marcie Skelton provided the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association, Apiary update. CACASA will review apiary fee regulations sent by CDFA.

BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Tim Pelican, Public member
Matt Beekman, Apiary Industry
Brock Ashurst, Apiary Industry

BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES

One vacancy is currently open. There will be two vacancies open at the end of June. The vacancies will be posted on the Apiary Protection Program website.

NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

Board meetings will now be quarterly and held at 10:00 a.m., planned for the third Thursday of the planned month, if possible. The next meeting dates will be August 15, 2024, and October 24, 2024. The next meeting will be posted to the CDFA's Apiary Protection Program website and posted on the CDFA meetings page.

Future Agenda Items

- N/A

Adjourn

Chairman Tauzer adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Berger
Secretary to the Apiary Advisory Board
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