

**California Department of Food and Agriculture
Integrated Pest Control Branch
APIARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (AAB)
August 15, 2024
1220 N Street, Room 333
Sacramento, CA 95814**

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>CDFA Personnel</u>
Trevor Tauzer, Chair Brock Ashurst (via Zoom) Matt Beekman (via Zoom) Tim Pelican (via Zoom)	None	Jennifer Gordon (via Zoom) Jennifer Berger Canh Nguyen Adriaan Gilis (via Zoom) Hyrum Eastman (via Zoom) Michelle Dennis (via Zoom) Victoria Hornbaker (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 10:01 a.m.

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from June 15, 2023, September 19, 2023, October 26, 2023, November 30, 2023, February 29, 2024, and May 16, 2024 were presented for approval.

Motion: 1. Mr. Matt Beekman moved that the minutes from June 15, 2023, meeting be approved; the motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Pelican. The motion was unanimously passed by all board members in attendance.

Yes

Trevor Tauzer, Chair
Brock Ashurst
Matt Beekman
Tim Pelican

No

None

Abstention

None

Motion: 2. Mr. Matt Beekman moved that the minutes from September 19, 2023, meeting be approved; the motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Pelican. The motion was unanimously passed by all board members in attendance.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
Trevor Tauzer, Chair	None	None
Brock Ashurst		
Matt Beekman		
Tim Pelican		

Motion: 3. Mr. Matt Beekman moved that the minutes from October 26, 2023, meeting be approved; the motion was seconded by Mr. Trevor Tauzer. The motion was unanimously passed by all board members in attendance.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
Trevor Tauzer, Chair	None	None
Brock Ashurst		
Matt Beekman		
Tim Pelican		

Motion: 4. Mr. Tim Pelican moved that the minutes from November 30, 2023, meeting be approved; the motion was seconded by Mr. Matt Beekman. The motion was unanimously passed by all board members in attendance.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
Trevor Tauzer, Chair	None	None
Brock Ashurst		
Matt Beekman		
Tim Pelican		

Motion: 5. Mr. Matt Beekman moved that the minutes from February 29, 2024, meeting be approved; the motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Pelican. The motion was unanimously passed by all board members in attendance.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
Trevor Tauzer, Chair	None	None
Brock Ashurst		
Matt Beekman		
Tim Pelican		

Motion: 6. Mr. Matt Beekman moved that the minutes from May 16, 2024, meeting be approved; the motion was seconded by Mr. Trevor Tauzer. The motion was unanimously passed by all board members in attendance.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
Trevor Tauzer, Chair	None	None
Brock Ashurst		
Matt Beekman		
Tim Pelican		

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PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Tauzer asked for public comment.

CDFA PROGRAM UPDATES

- National Honey Bee Survey – FY23 sampling is complete. Surveys will begin this fall and next spring for FY24. Training will be provided to interested counties during sampling.
- County Contracts Task Force meeting was held on August 13, 2024. Future meetings will be scheduled and posted online.
- Registration fee update – currently in review with the Legal office at CDFA.
- Apiary Pre-Inspection Program (APIP) – Incoming bee shipments should start around September. CDFA will travel to Montana, Utah, and audit North Dakota for pre-inspection of hives prior to transport into California.

CACASA UPDATE: APIARY

Marcie Skelton provided the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association, Apiary update. Fieldwatch maintenance fees have been paid in the past by the California Pest Control Advisers (CAPCA). CAPCA is looking for another group to pay the \$6500 maintenance fee in the future. The maintenance fees are paid in other states by university groups, similar to the UC Extension, and by state agencies. Discussion at CACASA for input if DPR, CDFA, or an industry group should pick up this fee. Requesting to have a CDFA representative at Nursery, Seed, and Apiary Committee to provide an Apiary update at the CACASA Fall Conference in Sacramento.

RURAL CRIMES TASK FORCE UPDATE

Deputy Freeman provided the Rural Crimes Task Force update with the number of hives that were reported as stolen in California. 3,000 hive thefts have occurred this year, almost half have been recovered. Deputy Freeman will provide a letter requesting CDFA involvement with hive theft.

BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES

Three board positions are currently open. Two names were previously presented for board positions; however, no information has been received by CDFA from either individual. Jackie Park-Burris was nominated by the board, CDFA will reach out to confirm interest.

If any industry member is interested and in need of information, please email: Jennifer.berger@cdfa.ca.gov

COUNTY CONTRACTS TASK FORCE

Trevor Tauzer, Chair, and Marcie Skelton provided update from first meeting on August 13, 2024. The task force plans to develop a scope of work for County reimbursements. Two task force meetings will be scheduled prior to the Apiary Advisory Board meeting

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on October 24, 2024. The next meeting will be posted to the CDFA's Apiary Protection Program website and the CDFA Meetings page.

NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

Monthly Board meetings are planned to be held at 10:00 a.m., on the third Thursday of each month in 2024. The next meeting will be posted to the CDFA's Apiary Protection Program website and the CDFA Meetings page. The next board meeting is scheduled on October 24, 2024, and will be held at the Sutter County Agricultural Department.

Future Agenda Items

- Tropilaelaps mite for discussion

Adjourn

Chairman Tauzer adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Berger

Secretary to the Apiary Advisory Board

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