

**California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Integrated Pest Control Branch  
APIARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (AAB)  
October 24, 2024  
142 Garden Hwy  
Yuba City, CA 95991**

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b><u>CDFA Personnel</u></b>
Trevor Tauzer, Chair Brock Ashurst (via Zoom) Matt Beekman (via Zoom) Tim Pelican (via Zoom)	None	Missy Amaya (via Zoom) Jennifer Berger Canh Nguyen Jeffrey Simons (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 10:10 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 August 15, 2024, were presented to the board for approval.

**Motion: 1. Mr. Matt Beekman moved to accept the August 15, 2024, minutes. 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

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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Mr. Tauzer asked for public comment.

## **CDFA PROGRAM UPDATES**

- Regulation change is currently in the 45-day Public Comment Period with Office of Administrative Law, comment period closes on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- BeeWhere payment portal will begin testing phase soon.
- Program met with Animal Health and Food Safety Services Division on September 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss hive theft assistance and potential staffing. Logistics needed to address potential funding for staffing a position or using Animal Division investigators. Willingness to assist, however more information is needed about average cost and time per investigation. The Board will need to address a funding source if they would like to pursue hive theft assistance. Deputy Freeman stated he will look in to average cost and time. No current funding source within CDFA unless legislative change.
- Apiary Pre-Inspection Program – Currently Border Protection Stations staff are in Montana to conducting APIP inspections. Headed to North Dakota in November for audit of program. Utah will be the last trip and will take place in December.

## **CACASA UPDATE: APIARY**

Marcie Skelton provided the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA), Apiary update. Provided quick update on CACASA Fall Conference in Sacramento where CDFA staff provided the Apiary program update.

## **RURAL CRIMES TASK FORCE UPDATE**

Deputy Freeman provided the Rural Crimes Task Force. Investigation of alleged honey removal from hives. Suspicious load of dead out equipment found in Winnemucca, NV, with some previously reported stolen equipment from California. Deputy Freeman provided a letter requesting CDFA involvement with hive theft.

## **BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES**

Three board positions are currently open. Names were presented for board positions; board packets were received from Jackie Park-Burriss, and Matt Stayer. Board packets were presented in the Apiary Advisory Board Book for review. Matt Stayer provided a brief introduction. Jackie Park-Burriss provided a brief introduction. If any industry member is interested and in need of information, please email: [Jennifer.berger@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.berger@cdfa.ca.gov)

**Motion: 2. Mr. Brock Ashurst moved to recommend Mr. Matt Stayer as an Apiary Advisory Board member to the Secretary for consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matt Beekman. 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: 3. Mr. Brock Ashurst moved to recommend Ms. Jackie Park-Burris as an Apiary Advisory Board member to the Secretary for consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matt Beekman. 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**

**COUNTY CONTRACTS TASK FORCE**

Trevor Tauzer, Chair, and Marcie Skelton provided update from the meeting on September 26, 2024. Apiary Advisory Board Task Force makes the following suggestion to the Apiary Advisory Board as a recommendation to the Secretary: CDFA Apiary Agreement be initially developed to prioritize reimbursement to participating counties for work related to bee law, enforcement activities, disease control, and American Foulbrood. The Scope of Work will be developed between CDFA and CACASA. Discussion among Board members provided the recommendation to the Secretary through the motion listed below:

**Motion: 4. Mr. Matt Beekman moved that California Department of Food and Agriculture enter into contracts with participating county agricultural commissioners as described in Food and Agricultural Code 29044(b). Priorities for reimbursable activities in the contracts would be apiary registration and inspections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevor Tauzer. The motion was unanimously passed by all board members in attendance.**

**Yes**

Trevor Tauzer, Chair  
Matt Beekman  
Tim Pelican

**No**

**None**

**Abstention**

**None**

## **NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

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 December 12, 2024, and will be held at the Sutter County Agricultural Department.

Apiary Advisory Board  
2025 Meeting Schedule:

January 23, 2025

May 15, 2025

August 21, 2025

October 9, 2025

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Update on Broker fee language

### **Adjourn**

Chairman Tauzer adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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