

**California Department of Food and Agriculture**  
**Integrated Pest Control Branch**  
**APIARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (AAB)**  
December 12, 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 Matt Beekman (via Zoom) Tim Pelican (via Zoom)	Brock Ashurst	Jennifer Berger Canh Nguyen Missy Amaya (via Zoom) Michelle Dennis (via Zoom) Missy Amaya (via Zoom) Jennifer Gordon (via Zoom) Patricia Boles (via Zoom) Hyrum Eastman (via Zoom)

**Guest Speakers and Subject Matter Experts**

Marcie Skelton, Glenn County Agricultural Commissioner, (CACASA) Nursery, Seed, and Apiary, Chair.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Trevor Tauzer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 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 October 24, 2024, were presented to the board for approval.

**Motion: 1. Mr. Tim Pelican moved to accept the October 24, 2024, minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matt Beekman. The motion was unanimously passed by all board members in attendance.**

**Yes**

Trevor Tauzer, Chair  
Matt Beekman  
Tim Pelican

**No**

None

**Abstention**

None

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

Mr. Tauzer asked for public comment.

## **CDFA PROGRAM UPDATES**

- The 15-day comment period for the proposed regulation change closed on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the package was submitted to The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on November 18, 2024. OAL has until December 31, 2024, to review.
- The BeeWhere payment portal is on track to go live with OAL approval of the proposed regulation change.
- Broker language is defined in FAC 29044(d). BeeWhere requires a broker to register and pay for their brokerage. Each beekeeper represented by a broker will be required to pay a fee based on the number of colonies they send. A broker will be charged a flat fee.
- The program presented an update the California State Beekeepers Association Convention in Reno, Nevada, on November 19, 2024.
- The program provided an update on the bee brand information.
- Tropilaelaps information from the training at Auburn University will be added to the APP training PowerPoint for county staff.
- Apiary Pre-Inspection Program – Currently Border Protection Stations staff are in Utah, finishing up the last of 2024 inspections.

## **CACASA UPDATE: APIARY**

Marcie Skelton provided the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA), Apiary update. Provided quick update on attending the CSBA convention as a speaker. Provided a look at the California Apiary Registration Updates for 2025 flyer at the meeting. The flyer was sent to CDFA, CSBA, and was distributed to CACASA. The flyer is also available to view on the BeeWhere website. The preferred method of payment for apiary registration fees will be through the BeeWhere payment portal with electronic or eCheck, mailed checks can potentially take up to eight weeks to process. Hive locations will remain confidential. Pinned locations will be available but can be erased if beekeepers fail to register in 2025. Please reach out to your local Commissioner's office with any questions.

## **BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES**

One board position for an apiary industry member is currently open. Jackie Park-Burris, and Matt Stayer had their board packets sent to the Secretary for review and are currently pending.

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**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 Thursday, January 30, 2025, with the location listed on the Notice and Agenda.

Apiary Advisory Board  
2025 Quarterly Meeting Schedule:

January 30, 2025- Location is TBA  
May 15, 2025- Location is TBA  
August 21, 2025- Scheduled in Stanislaus County  
October 9, 2025- Location is TBA

**Future Agenda Items**

- Matt Beekman requested to have hive theft added to the agenda.
- CDFA update on transaction fees.

**Adjourn**

Chairman Tauzer adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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