

**California Department of Food and Agriculture
Integrated Pest Control Branch
APIARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (AAB)
January 30, 2025
CDFA Plant Pest Diagnostics Conference Room
3294 Meadowview Rd.
Sacramento, CA 95832**

<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)		Jennifer Berger (via Zoom) Canh Nguyen Emily Schoenborn Michelle Dennis (via Zoom) Missy Amaya (via Zoom) Jennifer Gordon (via Zoom) Patricia Boles (via Zoom) Adriaan Gilis (via Zoom) Jeffrey 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.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from December 12, 2024, were presented to the board for approval.

Motion: 1. Mr. Matt Beekman moved to accept the December 12, 2024, minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brock Ashurst. The motion was unanimously passed by all board members in attendance.

Yes

Trevor Tauzer, Chair
Matt Beekman
Tim Pelican
Brock Ashurst

No

None

Abstention

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Tauzer asked for public comment.

CDFA PROGRAM UPDATES

- Regulation change package was withdrawn from Office of Administrative Law, no fees are expected to be collected in 2025.
- The APP is currently refining the regulation change and will resubmit when the complete package is ready.
- No transaction fees are currently applied when using the payment portal. This could change in the future.
- Border Protection Stations provided update. Contact BPS with any 008 questions. Only one email address can be used for 008 notifications.
- Patricia Bohls, Biodiversity Coordinator with Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation (OEFI) gave an update on the Pollinator Habitat Program (PHP). The PHP recognizes that honey bees are considered livestock and therefore beekeepers may participate if they meet eligibility requirements. Information was provided in the chat and sent to the Apiary Protection Program to provide on their website.

CACASA UPDATE: APIARY

Marcie Skelton provided the CACASA apiary update. CACASA and Apiary Protection Program have weekly meetings for updates. The Board would like CACASA to provide an estimate of financial loss from registration fee regulation package being withdrawn.

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.

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, May 15, 2025, with the location listed on the Notice and Agenda.

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Apiary Advisory Board

2025 Quarterly Meeting Schedule:

May 15, 2025- Tehama County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

August 21, 2025- Scheduled in Stanislaus County

October 9, 2025- Location is TBA

Future Agenda Items

- Tropilaelaps
- CDFA updates:
 - Honey labeling information.
 - Request by Board for a draft of new Regulation package.

Adjourn

Chairman Tauzer adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Berger

Secretary to the Apiary Advisory Board

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