

**California Department of Food and Agriculture
Integrated Pest Control Branch
APIARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (AAB)
August 18, 2025
Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner's Office
3800 Cornucopia Way
Modesto, CA 95358**

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>CDFA Personnel</u>
Trevor Tauzer, Chair Brock Ashurst (via GoTo) Matt Beekman Tim Pelican Matt Stayer (via GoTo)	Jackie Park-Burris	Jennifer Berger Canh Nguyen Missy Amaya (via GoTo) Jennifer Gordon (via GoTo) Adriaan Gilis (via GoTo) Danny Dickason (via GoTo)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Trevor Tauzer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:14 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 May 29, 2025, were presented to the board for approval.

Motion: 1. Mr. Tim Pelican moved to accept the meeting minutes from the May 29, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brock Ashurst. The motion was unanimously passed by all board members in attendance.

Yes

Trevor Tauzer, Chair
Brock Ashurst
Matt Beekman
Tim Pelican
Matt Stayer

No

None

Abstention

PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Tauzer asked for public comment.

CDFA PROGRAM UPDATES

- Program has been providing hands on training to County Agricultural Commissioner (CAC) staff. Fourteen counties have received this training with more being currently scheduled. Please contact the program with any immediate questions or requests.
- Board member term dates were presented to the Board members.
- Brand book is complete and more information to come on distribution to CAC.
- Border Protection Station (BPS) provided update and a presentation on BPS procedures of apiary shipments when entering the state.
- Introduction of Danny Dickason, veterinarian with the Animal Health Branch of CDFA.

CACASA UPDATE: APIARY

Jolene Desert is the current Nursery, Seed, and Apiary Chair. There is a notification issue in BeeWhere that beekeepers with zero colonies are still being notified. CACASA will be working with the developer to address this issue.

TROPILAE LAPS

Fiscal Year 2025 National Honey Bee Survey includes the sampling for Tropilaelaps, forty-eight samples are collected in California.

BEEKEEPING LABOR

The Board Chair is requesting a letter sent to the Secretary to request assistance with the issue of labor hours and overtime limitations. A letter or email will be provided by the Chairman to Program.

PESTICIDE LABELS

The Board Chair expressed having the California Department of Pesticide Regulations (CDPR) attendance at the next board meeting. Industry discussed assistance with approval of products to help with the varroa mite issue. The Program will request CDFA's Office of Agriculture Resilience and Sustainability invite CDPR to the meeting. CACASA will reach out to DPR as they have had some dialog on the issue.

HIVE THEFT AND PREVENTION

Deputy Rowdy Freeman provided the Rural Crimes Task Force meeting will take place in Yolo County in November. He will provide an update at the California State Beekeepers Association's convention in November.

BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES

One board position for an apiary industry member is currently vacant. Trevor Tauzer will be leaving the board as he completes his four-year term on October 25, 2025.

NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be posted onto the CDFA's Apiary Protection Program website and the CDFA Meetings page. The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2025, at the Sutter County Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

Apiary Advisory Board
2026 Tentative Quarterly Meeting Schedule: TBD

Future Agenda Items

Request Assembly Bill 1042 update

Adjourn

Chairman Tauzer adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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