

**California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Integrated Pest Control Branch  
APIARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (AAB)  
January 7, 2026  
Sutter County Agricultural Department  
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 GoTo) Matt Beekman Tim Pelican (via GoTo) Jackie Park-Burris (via GoTo)	Matt Stayer	Jennifer Berger Canh Nguyen Missy Amaya (via GoTo) Victoria Hornbaker (via GoTo) Michelle Dennis (via GoTo) Adriaan Gilis (via GoTo)

**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 August 14, 2025, were presented to the board for approval.

**Motion: 1. Mr. Matt Beekman moved to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Pelican. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Yes**

Trevor Tauzer, Chair  
Brock Ashurst  
Matt Beekman  
Jackie Park-Burris  
Tim Pelican

**No**

None

**Abstention**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Mr. Tauzer asked for public comment.

No public comments.

## **CDFA PROGRAM UPDATES**

- CDPR attendance was requested by the Board. A representative plans to attend the April 29, 2026, meeting. The information shared was given on behalf of California Department of Pesticide Regulation.
- Summary given of Apiary Registration Fee approval and information.
- County Cooperative Agreements were sent to all participating counties; eight of forty-eight agreements have been executed.
- Current apiary registration revenue from November until early January was approximately \$27,000.
- Successive term for a board member is defined as a four-year break from term end after being on the board.
- Provided program update at the 2025 CSBA Convention.
- Apiary flyer was distributed to border stations and to the Apiary Inspectors of America to assist with educating beekeepers of required registration.
- Reminder: All board members need to complete Form 700 and any training that is due.
- Border Protection Stations provided brief update on apiary shipments to date.

## **CACASA UPDATE: APIARY**

Jolene Desert provided updates from BeeWhere of 2025 bee checks and 2026 registration numbers to date. Beekeepers are encouraged to contact their County Agricultural Commissioner's office for any questions.

## **TROPILAEELAPS**

Discussed the successful mitigation of risk when a swarm of bees on the container ship bound for the Port of Newark, New Jersey. The swarm was destroyed on site. The communication and collaboration stopped the possible introduction of a pest to the honey bee industry. Board requested an overview of the process if bee swarms are found on ships bound for California. Program will reach out to Customs and Border Protection contact for information.

## **HIVE THEFT AND PREVENTION**

Board Chair reported that the CSBA is continuing their work with Pipkin Detective Agency. There was a decrease in reported hives stolen in 2025.

## **BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES**

This is Trevor Tauzer's last meeting on the Board. There will now be two industry positions vacant on the Board.

The program will post an updated vacancy notice on the Apiary Protection Program website and send a copy to all board members.

CSBA will have industry members interested in the board position reach out directly to Jennifer Berger at: [Jennifer.berger@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.berger@cdfa.ca.gov)

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**Motion: 2. Mr. Tim Pelican moved to approve Mr. Matt Beekman as the new Board Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brock Ashurst. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Yes**

Trevor Tauzer, Chair  
Brock Ashurst  
Matt Beekman  
Jackie Park-Burris  
Tim Pelican

**No**

None

**Abstention**

None

**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 Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office.

Calendar hold notices will be sent out for future meetings.

Apiary Advisory Board  
2026 Meeting Schedule:

April 29, 2026- Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office  
August 19, 2026- TBD  
October 28, 2026- TBD

**Future Agenda Items**

N/A

**Adjourn**

Chairman Tauzer adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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