

Nomination Process for the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC)

Summary: The California Department of Food and Agriculture, on behalf of the Invasive Species Council of California (ISCC), seeks to appoint members to the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC). The Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, acting as administrative lead, is requesting nominations for qualified persons to serve on the CISAC.

Dates: Nominations must be postmarked by May 8, 2009.

Addresses: Nominations should be sent to the following address:

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Supplementary Information:

Advisory Committee Scope and Objectives

The purpose and role of the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee is to provide advice to the Invasive Species Council of California (ISCC) on a broad array of issues related to preventing the introduction of invasive species and providing for their control and/or eradication, as well as minimizing the economic, ecological and human health impacts that invasive species cause.

The ISCC is chaired by the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture and vice-chaired by the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency. Other members include the secretaries from the following California agencies:

- Environmental Protection Agency;
- Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency;
- Health and Human Services Agency; and
- Emergency Management Agency

The Invasive Species Council of California represents the highest level of leadership and authority in state government regarding invasive species. Its goal is to promote a consistent approach to invasive species at the state level, and shall:

- (a) See that state agency or department activities concerning invasive species are coordinated, complementary, cost-efficient and effective, relying to the extent feasible and appropriate on existing organizations addressing invasive species;
- (b) Develop and maintain a list of invasive species that have a reasonable likelihood of entering or have entered California for which an exclusion, detection, eradication, control or management action by the state might be appropriate;

- (c) Encourage planning and action at city, county, state, tribal, regional and ecosystem-based levels to achieve the goals and objectives of the proposed Invasive Species Action Plan, in cooperation with stakeholders and existing organizations addressing invasive species;
- (d) Develop recommendations for inter-state cooperation in addressing invasive species;
- (e) Develop recommendations for preventing invasive species from entering the state through our points of entry;
- (f) Develop guidance to state agencies pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in invasive species matters;
- (g) Facilitate development of a coordinated network to document, evaluate and monitor impacts from invasive species on the economy, the environment and human health;
- (h) Develop a system for reporting sightings of invasive species and referring those reports to the appropriate agency/department;
- (i) Facilitating educational and outreach activities to increase awareness of invasive species issues; these activities shall include, but are not limited to, the development of a coordinated, information sharing system on invasive species that utilizes the latest technologies including the internet; this system shall facilitate access to and exchange of information concerning invasive species; and
- (j) Develop an Invasive Species Action Plan, a statewide plan for dealing with invasive species including a rapid response plan.

The role of the CISAC is to maintain an intensive and regular dialogue regarding the aforementioned issues. CISAC provides advice in cooperation with other stakeholders and existing organizations addressing invasive species.

The CISAC will meet at the call of the Chairperson with the approval of the ISCC's Executive Director, approximately twice per year. Meetings may be held less frequently or more frequently determined by the workload of the CISAC, but in no case less than once per year.

Prospective nominees of the CISAC should be knowledgeable in and represent one or more of the following communities of interest:

- Biologists
- Ranchers
- Foresters
- Farmers
- Academics / Researchers
- Public Health Specialists
- Weed Science
- Nematology
- Veterinary Medicine
- Federal Government Representatives
- County Agricultural Commissioner Representatives
- Invasive Species Management Specialists
- Persons involved with Global Commerce
- Non-Governmental Environmental Representatives
- Expertise in climate change and ecosystems
- Public Relations Specialists
- Lawyers specializing in Invasive Species Policy
- Public Member
- Industry Representatives
- Educators
- Tribal Government Representatives
- Information / Database Managers
- Economists
- Risk Assessment Analysts
- Entomology
- Plant Pathology
- Public Health / Epidemiology

Prospective nominees should also have practical experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Representing sectors of the state economy that are significantly threatened by biological invasions (e.g., agricultural, fisheries, public utilities, recreational users, tourism, etc.);
- Representing sectors of the state economy whose routine operations may pose risks of new or expanded biological invasions (e.g., shipping, forestry, horticulture, aquaculture, pet trade, etc.);
- Developing natural resource management plans on regional or ecosystem scales;
- Addressing invasive species issues, including exclusion, eradication, control and monitoring, in multiple ecosystems and on multiple scales;
- Integrating science and the human dimension in order to create effective solutions to complex conservation issues including education, outreach, and public relations experts;
- Coordinating diverse groups of stakeholders to resolve complex environmental issues and conflicts;

Members will be selected in order to achieve a balanced representation of viewpoints, so to effectively address invasive species issues under consideration. No member may serve on the CISAC for more than two (2) consecutive terms. All terms will be limited to three (3) years in length.

Members of the CISAC and its subcommittees will serve without pay. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services of the CISAC, members, to the extent funding is available, may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence.

Submitting Nominations:

Nominations should be typed and should include the following:

1. A brief summary of no more than two (2) pages explaining the nominee's suitability to serve on the CISAC.
2. A resume or curriculum vitae.
3. At least two (2) letters of reference.

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