Meeting of the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee  
Wednesday, July 18, 2012  
Visalia Convention Center  
301 E. Acequia  
Visalia, CA  
Meeting Minutes

CPDPC Attendees  
Craig Armstrong, Steve Birdsall, Dan Dreyer, Bob Felts, Jr., John Gless, Jim Gorden, Nick Hill,  
Link Leavens, Mark McBroom, George McEwen, Kevin Olsen, Etienne Rabe, Brian Specht and  
Earl Rutz

Guests  
Nick Porzio, Helene Wright, Leonard Massey, Jill Barnier, Vic Corkins, Alyssa Nichols, Robert  
Leavitt, Tim Tidwell, Carol Hafner, Larry Hawkins, Melinda Mochel, Mike Hennessy, Erin  
Styers, Louise Fisher, MaryLou Polek, Joe Barcinas, Art Gilbert, Brian Taylor, Tina Galindo,  
Debby Tanouye, David Pegos, Ted Batkin, Linda Haque, Tom Mulholland, Judy Stewart-Leslie,  
Shirley Kirkpatrick

Call to Order  
Chairman Nick Hill called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call and Introductions  
Susan McCarthy conducted the roll call and announced that there was a quorum.

Public Comment  
No public comments.

Approval of Minutes from April18, 2012 Meeting  
The April 18, 2012 minutes were approved as read.

Risk-based Survey for HLB  
Dr. Tim Gottwald, Research Leader/Plant Pathology, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Agricultural  
Research Service, Fort Pierce, Florida, presented a risk-based HLB survey model for Southern  
California residential areas to the Committee.

Report on HLB Investigation  
Nick Porzio, USDA Smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance Supervisor, provided an  
update on the investigation into the positive HLB find in Hacienda Heights.

Committee Members Terms  
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five agreed to serve an additional term.

Budget and Assessment  
Susan McCarthy reviewed current assessments and expenditures.
Bylaws
The bylaws were approved unanimously.

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Executive Subcommittee Report
Grower Liaison:
Nick Hill reported on discussions held by the Executive Subcommittee regarding a statewide grower liaison, the responsibilities of the Operations Subcommittee and scheduling future CPDPC meetings.

Science and Technology Discussion
Green waste movement and packing house protocols:
Melinda Mochel, CDFA Pest Exclusion, addressed the committee on rules governing the movement of green waste and the protocols for packing houses.

Update on Southern California Treatments
Tina Galindo provided an update on ACP finds and residential treatments. She pointed out that finds in groves have been picking up. Most, but not all, fall within the current treatment areas.

Riverside County treatments
The committee discussed the increasing ACP infestation in Riverside County and the attendant costs.

It was moved that the Department cease treating in the heavily-infested residential areas and focus treatments 800m around commercial groves for the balance of this fiscal year. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mandatory Pesticide Treatments
Susan announced that she had distributed a one-pager to the Committee describing a mandatory pesticide treatment program and an April letter from the Department to organic producers providing the details to them.

HLB Sampling Strategies
Etienne Rabe announced that Dr. Tim Gottwald would be in Riverside the next week to review the details of his risk-based residential survey plan.

It was moved that the Committee approve $250,000 to begin the risked-based residential survey. Motion seconded and approved.

Outreach Discussion
Kevin Olsen reported on ongoing outreach activities.

CRB Report
Ted Batkin reported on the VOC sampling of trees in Hacienda Heights, Tamarixia releases and small-RNA testing.
It was moved, seconded and approved for CRB to reallocate approximately $6200 within the Operations budget to cover the costs of student interns at UC Kearney to work on the citrus mapping project.

**Date and Location for Next Meeting**
The next CPDPC meeting was scheduled for August 8 in Visalia.

**Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30.