Meeting of the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee  
Wednesday, February 29, 2012  
Kern County Cooperative Extension Office, Bakersfield, CA  
Meeting Minutes

CPDPC Attendees  
Craig Armstrong, Richard Bennett, Dan Dreyer, Bob Felts, Jr., John Gless, Jim Gorden, Gus Gunderson, Nick Hill, Link Leavens, Mark McBroom, Earl Rutz, Kevin Severns and Brian Specht

Guests  
Dan Galbraith, Brian Taylor, MaryLou Polek, Ted Batkin, Alyssa Nichols, David Pegos, Linda Haque, Kevin Hoffman, Debby Tanouye, Robert Leavitt, Helene Wright, Tina Galindo, Susan McCarthy, Colleen Murphy, Vic Corkins, Jill Barnier, Judy Stewart-Leslie and Louise Fisher

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, including call-in members, a quorum was present.

Public Comment  
No public comments.

Welcome and Opening Remarks  
Chairman Nick Hill welcomed guests and thanked James McFarlane for hosting the lunch for meeting attendees and the Kern County Agricultural Commissioner for providing coffee and water.

Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2012 Meeting  
The minutes of the January 18, 2012 meeting were approved as read.

Update on Tulare County  
Susan McCarthy reviewed the ACP find in Tulare County with the Committee.

Report from CHRP Council  
Joel Nelsen reported that he and representatives of Florida Mutual, Texas Citrus Mutual and Sunkist had recently been in Washington, D.C. to ensure the future of the CHRP program. They also met with senior executives at USDA where they were assured that citrus is one of the top priorities.

CDFA’s ACP/HLB Response Plan  
Dr. Robert Leavitt addressed the Committee on the Department’s ACP/HLB response plan which he would be sharing with the grower community at the Citrus Showcase on March 8.
Budget/Assessment Current Status
Susan McCarthy reviewed the budget and balance sheets, the updated report of assessments, and the record of treatment expenditures by county (attached) with Committee members.

Science and Technology Discussion
Susan reviewed the draft Sentinel Tree plan (attached) for collecting HLB samples. The plan was developed by CDFA scientists in conjunction with Dr. Tim Gottwald of USDA and reviewed by the CPDPC Science Subcommittee.

Operations Discussion
Tina Galindo provided an update on ongoing treatments in Southern California. She also reported that CDFA has been identifying sites for releasing Tamarixia and have identified 28 sites so far.

Outreach Discussion
Kevin Olsen reported that activities on public outreach should be picking up. He added that the Committee would have a booth at the Showcase on March 8.

CRB Report
Ted provided an update on the Tamarixia program.

Bagley-Keene Requirements for Meeting via Teleconference or WebEx
Susan reviewed the Bagley-Keene requirements for Committee members wishing to participate via teleconference or WebEx:

Other Business
Robert Leavitt introduced Tim Tidwell, the new primary state plant pathologist, to the Committee. Ted Batkin asked that the minutes reflect the fine work that Kathy Kostas had provided over the years and also welcome Tim Tidwell on board.

Date and Location for Next Meeting
The next CPDPC meeting was scheduled for Bakersfield on March 23.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30.