

**CALIFORNIA CITRUS PEST AND DISEASE PREVENTION PROGRAM
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Operations Subcommittee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on November 5, 2014 in Visalia, California by Subcommittee Chair Jim Gorden.

Committee Members Present:

John Gless*	Link Leavens*	Kevin Olsen
Jim Gorden		

Committee Members Absent:

Etienne Rabe	Kevin Severns
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CRB Staff:

Rick Dunn	Cynthia LeVesque*	John Morgan*
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Interested Parties:

Bob Atkins	Victoria Hornbaker	Cressida Silvers*
Erin Betts	Leslie Leavens	Debby Tanouye*
Brett Chandler*	Susan McCarthy*	Scosha Wright*
Dan Dreyer	David Morgan*	Dan Willey
Tina Galindo*	Mike Pitcairn*	Judy Zaninovich
Art Gilbert	Sylvie Robillard	

*** Participated via telephone/WebEx**

Opening Comments

Chairman Jim Gorden welcomed staff and the members of the public participating in person and online. There is a quorum for this meeting.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approval of minutes

Chairman Jim Gorden reviewed the August 6, 2014 meeting minutes. There was one correction made to the attendees from the August 6, 2014 minutes. Additionally, it was noted that there was not a quorum at the last Operations Subcommittee meeting therefore there was no motion made to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2014 meeting.

Motion: Approval of the minutes from the June 11, 2014 and August 6, 2014 Operation Subcommittee meetings as amended.

First: Jim Gorden

Second: Link Leavens

Motion Passes: All in favor

Discuss New ACP Finds

Victoria reported that there have been new ACP finds in San Jose, Lodi and Manteca. There are treatment crews currently working in those areas. She reported that the ACP were detected in glassy-winged sharpshooter traps. The glassy-winged sharpshooter traps are only placed from May through October. These areas are not trapped specifically for ACP, as they have less than 1,000 acres of commercial citrus. The Program met with the Executive Committee to discuss the lack of trapping in the Bay Area and Northern California and several counties were identified as key counties to maintain trapping through January. Those counties include; Merced, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Sacramento, Placer, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter, Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, San Francisco, Sonoma, Napa and to maintain traps around the commercial acreage in Butte and Glenn Counties. There will be further discussion at the full CPDPC meeting on November 12th. There was further discussion about a plan after the three months is over. Victoria stated that if there is a new find, staff will treat the find as any other find but it is up to the Committee for direction. There should be a plan in place by late spring. Debby suggested forming a subcommittee to further discuss these finds and compare to SAP recommendations and create a response plan because at the rate staff are working funding will eventually run out. Victoria reported that the new area contingency funds will be used to cover the activities going on in the new find areas since those finds were not budgeted for.

Regional ACP Management Program Update

Bob gave an update on regional ACP management. The Imperial and San Diego County grower liaison positions need to be filled and are open until November 19, 2014. Enrico Ferro will be applying for the San Diego position and there are a few good candidates for the Imperial County position. Bob has been working with a few packinghouses encouraging them to seek mitigations for ACP movement on fruit from the generally infested areas. Bob addressed the county Agricultural Commissioners at the winter conference and they approved having a page on their website to include guidelines for neglected and abandon groves. He also reported that the situation reports should be distributed via email very soon.

Art Gilbert made a recommendation that the traps in Escondido, Ramona and Ranch Santa Fe areas of San Diego County be removed and those areas be moved to live psyllid collection for HLB analysis.

Motion: Switch from trapping to live ACP collection for HLB analysis in the Escondido, Ramona and Rancho Santa Fe areas of San Diego County.

First: Link Leavens

Second: Kevin Olsen

Motion Passes: All in favor

HLB Survey Update

a. Hacienda Heights Review

Debby Tanouye gave an update on the Hacienda Heights area, in the traps within 800 meters of the find site, there were 332 adult ACP were found in 61 traps in September and 526 adult ACP were found in 81 traps in October. The HLB survey work in the 400 meter area around the find site (Zone 1) has 543 trees. All trees were surveyed in September, which is the 14th round of survey, 280 adult psyllids and 411 nymphs were collected and sent to the lab for analysis. In the 400-800 meter area around the find site (Zone 2) there are 1,369 trees. All of the trees were sampled in round 8 and 725 adult ACP and 2212 nymphs were collected and sent to the lab for analysis. Treatments with Merit and Tempo were conducted in the 800 meter area from September 15, 2014 through October 23, 2014. It was noted that the risk-based HLB Survey will begin this month in the 5-mile quarantine area and the 800 meter area will still be treated for ACP.

b. HLB Risk-Based Survey

Debby gave an update on the HLB risk based survey. The first round of survey is complete for all of Southern California. Dr. Gottwald was provided the staffing numbers for the areas and has developed a program to allow staff to make two complete passes through each county each year. She did note that the survey can be adjusted if the crews fall behind or are moving quickly through the recommended STR's. Dr. Gottwald will continue to receive data on a flow basis, so he can also make changes or direct staff to new areas if needed. The HLB risk-based survey work in the Central Valley is ongoing, with Fresno being 44 percent complete and Tulare being 10 percent complete.

Biocontrol Program Report

CDFA Tamarixia Rearing and Release

Mike Pitcairn reported that 754,351 Tamarixia have been released through October 24, 2014, this number includes the greenhouse, as well as the outdoor screen house production. Staff have completed the first round of releases and are now staggering releases every two miles. Releases are ongoing in organic groves. The Greenhouse on the Cal Poly campus is still due to begin construction in December, although the University is currently negotiating with the contractor. Mike reported good news, that the environmental assessment for the second biocontrol agent has been approved.

Laboratory Activities

a. Riverside Laboratory Activities

John Morgan gave an update on CRB's current lab activities. There have been 21,698 samples that have been tested since January 2014. 2,586 subsamples have been tested since the last operations subcommittee meeting. All samples have come back negative for HLB. QC failed on 153 samples. CRB lab staff have analyzed 141 ACP and 474 plant samples from the UC Davis containment facility. They are also testing high throughput protocol for siRNA and digital PCR. The percent of single samples is down to 13 percent for the last set received. Current lab staff has remains the same.

b. Sacramento Laboratory Activities

Dog teams have found HLB positive lime leaves shipped from Florida and Puerto Rico. For August, September and October there were 3,548 plant samples and 484 psyllid samples (ACP are from the Hacienda Heights area). CDFA staff is continuing to provide samples to Dr. Slupsky at UC Davis.

Data Management Report

Rick Dunn is still working in cooperation with the University of California's Kearney Ag Center GIS facility to update the citrus layer. Rick reported that he continues to provide mapping services to the grower liaisons. He is beginning to work with Ventura County on psyllid management area development.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Visalia, California.