

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

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Opening:

The regular meeting of the California Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee (CPDPC) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on September 14, 2016 in Riverside, California by Committee Chairman Nick Hill.

CPDPC Members Present:

Craig Armstrong	Nick Hill	Kevin Olsen
Bob Felts, Jr.	Link Leavens	Kevin Severns
John Gless	Mark McBroom	Brian Specht
Jim Gorden	George McEwen	
Gus Gunderson	James McFarlane	

CPDPC Members Absent:

Richard Bennett	Franco Bernardi	Etienne Rabe
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CDFA Staff:

Stephen Brown*	Amber Hoyt	Colleen Murphy-Vierra
Jason Chan	Jason Leathers*	Mike Pitcairn*
Art Gilbert	Magally Luque-Williams	Lydia Rodriguez
Adrian Gonzales	Paul Martinez	Debby Tanouye
Victoria Hornbaker	David Morgan*	Scosha Wright

Guests:

Laura Arellano*	Brett Kirkpatrick	Sylvie Robillard*
Bob Atkins	Melinda Klein*	Gary Schulz
Lanette Bankston*	John Krist*	Cressida Silvers*
Jill Barnier*	Leslie Leavens*	Greg Simmons
John Blasius	Cynthia LeVesque	John Snyder
Vic Corkins	Scott Mabs*	Reyes Triviso*
John Demsyki	Neil McRoberts	Alan Washburn
Dan Dreyer*	Joe Morris	Keith Watkins
Rick Dunn*	Joel Nelsen	Dan Willey*
Enrico Ferro	Pat Nolan*	Judy Zaninovich*
Paul Figureo	Bill Osterlein	Sandra Zwaal*
Rachel Garewal*	Curtis Pate*	
Darin Heard*	Chandrika Ramadugu	

*** Participated via Webinar**

Opening Comments:

Chairman Nick Hill welcomed the Committee, staff, and members of the public participating in person and online and stated there is a quorum for the meeting.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS & UPDATES

Nick Hill reviewed the consent agenda which included meeting minutes for meetings that took place on July 13, 2016 and August 19, 2016 and the Committee member term renewals for Craig Armstrong, Dr. Etienne Rabe, Bob Felts, Jr., Nick Hill and Kevin Olsen.

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

First: John Gless

Second: Kevin Olsen

Motion Passes: All in favor

Victoria reported that CDFA received a call on September 8, 2016 from a homeowner in Placer County was concerned that they may have ACP on their trees. The same day CDFA staff collected nymphs and adult ACP from the four trees. The trees were bagged to prevent any additional psyllids from emerging from the trees. The following day treatment was conducted by CDFA staff. In talking with the homeowner, staff discovered that the three of the trees were moved from Orange County California to Placer County and one tree were tagged with a quarantine notice.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Kevin Olsen stated that the Strategic Planning Workshop Group has not held any formal meetings so far however at the April 19, 2016 strategic planning meeting and in a meeting with Secretary Ross, it was recommended that Victoria have an Operational Manager hired for some additional help with her heavy workload. The Committee would like the Operational Manager to be hired at the approval of the Committee and to report to the Committee. Kevin Olsen stated that it was not decided whether the Operational Manager would be a CDFA employee or a contracted employee.

Motion: To budget for an Operational Manager at \$150,000 annually including expenses. It was noted that hiring would be subject to the approval of the Committee.

First: Kevin Olsen

Second: George McEwen

Motion Passes: All in favor

It was suggested that the Committee should be presented with a job description before approving the position and the \$150,000 annual budget. Kevin Olsen stated that he has not ironed out all of the details yet but presented the motion so that the \$150,000 could be included in the budget. It was asked that Kevin amend the motion to move forward with researching and developing the position. Chairman Hill suggested that moving forward with \$150,000 budget today would be a good idea so that the Committee would not need to add to the budget in the future. Chairman Hill

also suggested that the Executive Committee (and other Committee members who would like to participate) work on developing a job description for the operational manager position.

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT & DISCUSSION

a. 2015/2016 Budget

James reviewed the 2015/2016 budget and sub-budgets with the Committee. To date \$16,330,845 in assessment revenue has been received with a remaining projected balance of \$1,075,155. The total projected assessment revenue for fiscal year 2015/2016 is \$17,406,000. Through July 31, 2016 there has been \$13,803,268 in expenditures to the assessment budget, leaving a balance remaining of \$5,502,436.

The CHRP budget amount has increased from \$10,844,701 to \$12,444,701 with \$7,901,223 expended so far leaving a remaining balance available of \$4,543,478.

James presented the spending authority tracking spreadsheet. The 2015/2016 authority is \$15,624,418 and 92 percent has been spent as of July 31, 2016 leaving the remaining balance at \$1,261,551.

James presented a spreadsheet of a few line items that have gone over the projected budget as of July 31, 2016. After the transfer of \$1,584,129 to CHRP funds, the total budget overage is \$2,997,480. James stated that there should be money left over in some of the other sub-budgets that will cover the some of the difference for reallocating the \$2.5 million. The rest of the funding will likely come from the reserves. Jason Chan stated that \$425,000 will come from task funds. Victoria stated that ultimately there will be savings from the other line items so the \$2.9 million in overages will drop down to a smaller number of overage.

Motion: To reallocate \$2.5 million in reserve funds to cover overages in the current budget.

First: Mark McBroom

Second: John Gless

Motion Passes: All in favor

b. Variance Analysis Review

Year to date the ending variance for the assessment budget is -0.45 percent. There have been 71.50 percent of projected expenditures spent for fiscal year 2015/2016 so far.

c. Proposed AB 281 Assessments

James McFarlane reviewed the assessment fund activities with the Committee to give them an idea of what the incoming revenue looks like. Joel also announced that the legislation to raise the assessment cap was approved and will be effective October 1, 2016 in which the Committee can raise the assessment if they choose to be effective January 1, 2017. At \$.12 per carton the Committee would receive approximately \$24,000,000 in assessment revenue.

Motion: To keep the current assessment rate at \$.09 per carton.

First: Jim Gorden

Second: Gus Gunderson
Motion Passes: All in favor

d. Proposed 2016/2017 Budget

Victoria stated that PDEP staff has worked extensively on four different draft budget plans to present to the Operations Subcommittee – the current rate plan, the Cadillac plan, the Festiva plan and the “HLB survey” only plan. The Operations Subcommittee recommended that PDEP take bits and pieces of each plan and create a new Cadillac plan however the budget came out high at \$23,124,054. The plan moving forward is to have some regional meetings to develop a plan for each county and do that moving forward. Victoria suggested having CDFA’s Pest Exclusion branch develop a proposed budget and a work plan for nursey inspections. Budgeting at \$1.5 million for enforcement and \$1 million for retail nurseries, the budget total would be approximately \$25.5 million. Joel Nelsen asked if there was a federal nursey program that the Committee could tap into and Victoria stated that CDFA has a nursery program but they do not work with retail nurseries. There was discussion regarding what other industry folks can do to help regarding nursery inspection to lower the \$1 million number in the budget. CPDPC was not comfortable with funding what CRB is requesting because they are not even a recertified lab yet. CPDPC has already funded a lot of CRB’s work, equipment, rent, etc. The Committee would like to have a full Committee finance meeting to discuss the budget before the September meeting in the future to avoid confusion and lengthy discussions at the full Committee meeting regarding setting a budget.

Motion: To pass the budget at \$25,655,331 for fiscal year 2016/2017.
First: Mark McBroom
Second: Link Leavens
Motion Passes: All in favor

James presented the 2016/2017 CHRP budget to the Committee totaling at \$12,444,701. There was a comment made regarding the \$6 million trapping sub-budget. It was asked if some of those funds could be moved into the ACP/HLB diagnostics sub-budget since trapping is not going to eliminate ACP or prevent HLB. Victoria stated that CDFA staff has removed traps in certain places in Southern California and other areas and switched to HLB survey instead however a certain level of trapping needs to be maintained for the areawide treatment areas for CDFA’s buffer treatments. New areas need a certain amount of trapping as well in order to monitor ACP. There was further discussion regarding costs, and the pros and cons for visual survey versus trapping.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT & DISCUSSION

Link Leavens gave a brief overview of the discussions that were had at the Operations Subcommittee meeting that was held on October 13, 2016. Victoria recommended that the Committee members review what documents were provided in the binders.

OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT & DISCUSSION

Outreach Chairman Gus Gunderson gave a brief overview of what outreach activities are ongoing with NST. There has been more outreach focused in Bakersfield since there have been new ACP detections there. It was suggested that NST conduct more outreach along the border

due to the HLB positive find in Mexicali. Victoria stated that NST has staff that works on both sides of the border and NST has looked into doing additional work along the border.

CCM REPORT

Joel Nelsen stated that CCM has held meetings in the Central Valley as well Southern California and the San Joaquin Valley to get an idea of what the growers are seeking as far as ACP control and HLB. Joel provided a summary of what was discussed at the grower meetings held starting with a focus group that was held in Exeter to come up with a set of agenda items to take to the industry. Joel stated that most of the discussions started with enforcement and mitigation. Joel provided a map that included the division of production areas in quarantine zones and explained why each zone was separated from one another. It was determined that areawide management programs are the best way to go and that they should be mandated in each area. It should also be determined when is the best time to spray in each area and treatment should be strictly enforced. Psyllid control is the most important at this time. Joel recommended that \$1.25 to \$1.5 million be set aside for enforcement alone. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) needs to be utilized at the border stations to ensure that trucks are moving fruit correctly. Loopholes cannot continue to exist. Victoria reported that it would cost approximately \$1,200 for a 3 to 4 hour time period in which two CHP officers would pull trucks over that are traveling with untarped loads in all of the major passageways. There was discussion that followed regarding tarped loads and regional quarantines, CHP's authority when it comes to enforcement and tree tags so that more incidents like the Placer County incident do not continue to happen. Joel recommended that the Committee meet in October to further discuss enforcement and mitigation issues because the discussion was taking up a lot of meeting time.

Motion: To hold a CPDPC meeting on October 20, 2016 to discuss the regional quarantine and mitigations.

First: Mark McBroom

Second: Kevin Olsen

Motion Passes: All in favor

Chairman Hill asked whether the Committee was in approval of the map that Joel presented to the Committee.

Motion: To adopt the regional quarantine map as presented (noting that the map may be changed at the October 20, 2016 meeting after further discussion) with tarping for all bulk citrus loads regardless of destination and moving forward with tightened enforcement activities including using CHP, county staff and rural community law enforcement.

First: Bob Felts, Jr.

Second: Kevin Olsen

Motion Passes: The motion passed with nine yays and four nays

The original motion was solely to approve the map however the Committee was concerned about psyllid control so they added in tarping for all bulk citrus loads and moving forward with tightened enforcement activities to try and suppress ACP movement until the Committee comes to a further agreement at the October 20, 2016 meeting.

CRB REPORT

Gary Schulz, CRB president gave a few updates regarding the CRB has held an external review of ACP/HLB research and approximately 90 people attended the 3 daylong meeting. There will be an HLB summit being held on October 4 – 5, 2016 at the University of California, Riverside. Following that meeting will be the California Citrus Conference being held on October 19, 2016 at the Exeter Memorial Building in Exeter California.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held in Ventura, California on November 9, 2016 at 10:00am.