

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

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday August 7, 2018

Opening:

The Finance Subcommittee webinar was called to order at 10:00a.m. on August 7, 2018 by Acting Subcommittee Chair Robert Felts, Jr.

Subcommittee Members Present:

Craig Armstrong*
Bob Felts, Jr.*

Etienne Rabe*

Dave Tomlinson*

CDFA Staff and Guests:

Peter Betschart*
Nick Condos*
Jim Gorden*

Victoria Hornbaker*
Raymond Leclerc*
Becky Moore*

Deborra Murphy*
Bob Wynn*

*** Participated via webinar**

Opening Comments:

Acting Chairman, Robert Felts Jr., welcomed the Subcommittee, guests and staff participating in the webinar.

Review 2018/2019 Funding Sources

Victoria Hornbaker reviewed the projected funding sources for the 2018/2019. The CPDPC AB 281 crop projections have not been completed, as the NASS citrus report has not been issued. It was noted that the AB 281 revenues at the \$.09 per carton assessment rate are generally between \$16,000,000 and \$18,000,000. The maximum assessment rate that the Committee can set is \$.12 per carton. Victoria reported that the Citrus Health Response Program (CHRP) funding for 2018/2019 should be between \$10,000,000 and \$14,000,000. The program also received \$12,500,000 in general funds, with \$2,500,000 being on going funding and \$10,000,000 as a one-time allotment. She reported that there might be additional funding from other sources, like the MAC or a TASC grant, however that has not been confirmed yet.

Review 2018/2019 Grants and Contracts

Victoria briefly reviewed the 2018/2019 grants and contracts, which includes \$3,500,000 for the CRB Operations grant. The Outreach contracts include \$1,000,000 for the NST contract, \$800,000 for the grower liaisons, \$24,000 for Cal Poly Pomona Outreach and \$80,000 for the train the trainer contract. The program has a diagnostic contract in place University of Arizona for \$390,000. Diagnostic Contracts. There are also contracts that will be enacted with County Agricultural Commissioners for regulatory activities and detection trapping, as well as contracts with Treatment and Tree Removal contractors, however the amounts will not be set until the contracts are finalized.

Review 2018/2019 Projected Budget

Nick Condos reviewed a proposed budget that compared the 2017/2018 budget with the proposal. The budget categories were divided into ACP, HLB and Statewide activities. The ACP border treatment budget line was consistent between the two fiscal years at \$1,177,521. The ACP Central Valley ACP delimitation and detection trapping line item was reduced from \$3,140,503 for 2017/2018 to \$2,512,402 due to the reduced number of ACP detections in the Central Valley. Nick noted that this might be reduced further after the County detection contracts are finalized. The ACP Central Valley treatments budget was also reduced from \$1,936,534 for 2017/2018 to \$968,267 for 2018/2019, due to the reduced number of ACP detections. Northern California ACP trapping remained the same at \$2,672,425, but Nick will be working with the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter program to coordinate activities and share costs. Northern California ACP treatment was reduced from \$998,113 to \$499,056. This reduce was due to the reduction in ACP detections. The ACP area-wide treatments remained the same at \$2,482,777. ACP detection activities in Southern California budget was increased from \$94,509 to \$200,000 as detections are required for the program to conduct integrated pest management for ACP. The ACP biocontrol budget increased only slightly, from \$1,556,401 to \$1,582,108. This includes the CDFA rearing and release activities as well as supporting Dr. Stouthamer's work with the Tamarixia isolines at UCR. The ACP grove survey and trapping budget remained the same at \$1,510,636. The ACP regulatory enforcement activities were reduced from \$3,841,729 to \$2,952,323. The CRB data management for ACP went up by about \$10,000 from last year to \$243,000.

The HLB portion of the budget included the following budget categories. HLB detection survey along the US/Mexico border went from \$106,506 to \$200,000. The Southern California HLB delimitation survey stayed the same at \$2,999,305, although the delimitation area was reduced from 800 meters to 400 meters, but the budget was kept the same, due to likelihood of new HLB detection areas. The HLB statewide risk survey increased by about \$350,000 to \$3,947,622 because the program requested an additional model for commercial grove surveys. The HLB diagnostics budget line was increased from \$4,440,845 to 5,340,626 due to the additional positions for the CDFA lab and the additional staff and equipment for the CRB lab. The CRB data management for HLB remained the same at \$99,000. The Southern California treatments around an HLB area were reduced from 800 meters to 400 meters, but the reduction in the budget line item was not reduced that much, because the tree removal costs increased. The 2017/2018 budget was \$5,544,400 to \$5,200,000. The HLB regulatory budget was reduced by \$330,000 to \$1,204,686.

The Statewide budget items include Administration which includes personnel, travel, training and pro rata. The budget increased from \$1,931,750 to \$2,086,549. The DATOC went up from \$43,222 to \$155,000. The Outreach budget line stayed the same at \$2,023,298.

Nick mentioned that the budget presented at the September Finance Subcommittee meeting will have more detail.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.