



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
CALIFORNIA CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)
December 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes
Teleconference**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Woods - Chair
Seth Wollenman – Vice
Chair
Al Bates
Mike Stark
George McEwen
Brad Bishel
Tom Mayhew
Keeley Bramer
David Tomlinson

INTERESTED PARTIES

Fred Rinder, Fresno County
Sam Sohal, Fresno County
Glenn Frankhauser, Kern County
Eddie Greynolds, Kern County
Steve Schweizer, Kings County
Jimmy Hook, Kings County
Christopher Greer, Tulare County
John Bixler, Tulare County
John Bell, Ventura County
Delia Cioc, Riverside County
Craig Lawson, San Diego County
Ed Williams, Los Angeles County

CDFA

Steve Patton
Stacey Hughes
Karrie Batchelor
Thomas Osborn
Marcee Yount

MEMBERS ABSENT

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

The Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ms. Karrie Batchelor. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ITEM 3: COUNTY PROGRESS REPORTS/CONTINUATION OF MATURITY TESTING

Counties in attendance reported the following:

Kern County reported that since November, they have performed 225 maturity tests; six tested under 100 on the California Standard Scale. 90 percent of tests have been above 110 on the California Standard Scale. They have not conducted any official tests or issued any red tags. No problems with color.

Tulare County reported that since November, they have performed 557 maturity tests; no tests performed since November 20 have scored below 100 on the California Standard Scale. There have been two official maturity tests performed, and zero red tags issued. Color has not been a problem.

Fresno County reported that they have performed over 300 maturity tests. There have been no rejections or official tests since November 15. In the past week, there have been no scores below 105 on the California Standard Scale. Color has not been a concern.

Kings County reported that they have not conducted any testing since November 16, and have no new information to report.

Riverside County reported that of the 2,000 bins tested, all have tested between 107 and 140 on the California Standard Scale. There have been no official tests, red tags, or color problems.

San Diego County reported that as of the later part of November and early December, seven maturity tests have been performed and all tests have been between 104 and 148 on the California Standard Scale. There have been no official tests or rejections since October and no concerns with color.

Ventura County reported that they began receiving citrus on October 14th. Since the middle of November there has been six maturity tests performed with no rejections. All samples have tested between 100 and 124 on the California Standard Scale and there were no issues with color.

It was requested by the Committee to end performing maturity testing on December 8, 2017.

MOTION: Mr. Brad Bishel moved to stop maturity testing on December 8, 2017, allowing the counties discretion to test if needed, and to allow Southern California counties to test their local fruit. Mr. Mike Stark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with no abstentions.

AGENDA ITEM 4: FREEZING TEMPERATURES

Ms. Batchelor asked the committee and counties if they had any information to report relating to the freezing temperatures. The committee and counties stated that the cold temperatures had been for a short duration and did not appear to have any issues. Ms. Batchelor stated that CDFA will direct counties to collect readings in the future if frost advisories are issued.

After some discussion of future freezing temp the committee decided to reconvene on December 19, 2017 at 10:00 am.

December 19, 2017

The meeting reconvened on December 19, 2017 at 10:00 am.

Ms. Karrie Batchelor asked for introductions. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

Ms. Batchelor stated that there have been forecasts of below freezing temperatures for the upcoming week in the San Joaquin Valley.

Ms. Batchelor asked the Southern counties if they had experienced any issues with freezing temperatures. Ventura County reported high winds, and anticipates warm temperatures through early January.

The Committee decided that since the coldest time of the year is usually between December 20th and January 15th, they should reconvene on December 27, 2017.

MOTION: Mr. Keeley Bramer moved to reconvene on December 27, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Mike Stark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with no abstentions.

December 27, 2017

The meeting reconvened on December 27, 2017 at 1:01 p.m.

Ms. Batchelor asked for a roll call and introductions. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

Ms. Batchelor explained that during the previous week, a freeze warning was issued for December 21 and 22 in the San Joaquin Valley. During those times Ms. Batchelor asked the central valley counties to collect and report below freezing temperatures.

Ms. Batchelor gave the following reports from Fresno, Tulare, and Kern Counties:

Fresno County did not report any temperatures below 28 degrees on December 21. On December 22 they reported two locations below 28 degrees for 4 to 6 hours and below 26 degrees for 1 hour. Mandarin samples were pulled from both locations and inspected for frost damage. One sample had no scoreable damage. The second sample had 3 percent scorable damage and 5 fruit had evidence of damage.

Tulare County reported on December 22 four locations below 28 degrees from 6 to 8 hours and two locations below 26 degrees for 1 ½ to 3 hours . Two samples of mandarins were pulled and when inspected had no scorable damage. One sample had one fruit showing possible evidence of damage.

Kern County reported one location below 28 degrees on December 21st. On December 22, two locations reported below 28 degrees for 7 to 8 hours and below 26 degrees for 2 to 4 hours. A navel orange and a mandarin sample were pulled. The navel sample was inspected and showed 1 fruit with evidence of damage. The mandarin sample showed 54 percent scoreable damage due possibly from frost and granulation. Kern County is following up with the grower.

Riverside County reported one location below 28 degrees with no freeze concerns at this time.

San Diego County indicated a few locations below 30 degrees for short durations with no freeze concerns.

After some discussion the Committee decided to adjourn this meeting, and schedule a new meeting for January 9, 2018.

ITEM 5: NEXT MEETING

The Committee scheduled a teleconference for January 9, 2018.

ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned on December 27, 2017 at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



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