

California Department of Food & Agriculture

Minutes

of the Special Meeting

of the Pierce's Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board

and Pierce's Disease Advisory Task Force

Held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020

CDFA Gateway Oaks Facility

2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Room 267, Sacramento, CA 95833

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Jeff Bitter*, Greg Coleman*, William Drayton*, Bill Hammond*, Rich Hammond*, Randy Heinzen*, Trey Irwin*, Aaron Lange*, Jim Ledbetter*, Steve McIntyre*, Domonic Rossini*

Members Absent: Robert Crudup, John Harkey

PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Members Present: Cathy Fisher*, A. Humberto Izquierdo*, Jean-Mari Peltier*, Beth Stone-Smith*, Judy Zaninovich*

Members Absent: Deborah Golino

OTHER ATTENDEES

John Aguirre*, Chris Bock, Noelle Cremers*, Pete Downs*, Leah Gayagas*, Paul Giboney*, Craig Hanes, Michael Miiller*, David Morgan*, Warren Nichols*, Stacie Oswald*, Tim Schmelzer*, Nicole Shorter*, Sean Veling, Myrna Villegas, Jay Van Rein*

*Denotes attendance via web conference or teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

PD/GWSS Board Chairperson Domonic Rossini and PD Advisory Task Force Chairperson Judy Zaninovich called the joint meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

PDCP Statewide Coordinator Craig Hanes conducted the roll call for the PD/GWSS Board (Board) and the PD Advisory Task Force (Task Force). Quorums were present for both the Board and the Task Force.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Board Chairperson Domonic Rossini thanked everyone for taking time to join the meeting and welcomed Craig Hanes to his new position as PDCP Statewide Coordinator. Task Force Chairperson Judy Zaninovich welcomed everyone to the meeting. Craig Hanes thanked everyone for attending with consideration toward current world events and announced the resignation of Kevin Andrew from the Task Force and the resignation of Pam Bond from the Board. Collaborative efforts by Craig Hanes, Domonic Rossini, and Judy Zaninovich will begin to fill all vacant positions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PD/GWSS BOARD BUDGET REVIEW

USDA California Assistant State Plant Health Director Beth Stone-Smith provided an update on PD/GWSS program federal budget status. Beth reported that a continuing resolution designed as a stopgap measure to provide a percentage of last year’s funding level to allow operations through December 11th has been passed by the House and will need to make its way through the Senate and be signed by the President. Beth maintained confidence that the program’s full budgeted amount of \$15.5M would be available.

Statewide Coordinator Craig Hanes provided a recap of program operations and Board budgets as approved during the July 7th, 2020 PD/GWSS Board and Advisory Task Force meeting. Craig explained how the areawide treatment program works as a component of the entire GWSS program, provided an overview of line items allocated toward new items for consideration, Research Coordinator funding, reserve for new projects, public outreach, and county programs, placing emphasis on contingency for county backfill totaling \$2M; funds which, to date, have not been previously utilized. Board Chairperson Domonic Rossini inquired on an expected amount of carryover from 2019 which Craig identified as approximately \$3.8M.

KERN AND TULARE AREAWIDE PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

Beth Stone-Smith gave a presentation in support of additional funding for expansion of area-wide treatment efforts in Kern and Tulare counties due to significant increases in GWSS activity and trap finds, cutting back of previous years’ treatments due to budget concerns, an increase in organic citrus acreage, and increased regional temperatures. Beth presented several treatment options to include a full treatment program valued at \$1.174M, an intermediate treatment program valued at \$820,000, and a reduced treatment plan valued at \$469,000.

Task Force member Jean-Mari Peltier informed the Board that the Consolidated Central Valley Table Grape Pest and Disease Control District has agreed to provide up to \$600,000 for area-wide treatments in Kern and Tulare counties.

After discussion, the Board voted to recommend providing up to \$600,000 for area-wide treatment efforts in Kern and Tulare counties. The funding would come from the Board’s budget line item titled “Contingency for County Backfill.”

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to provide up to \$600,000 for area-wide treatment efforts in Kern and Tulare counties.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: McIntyre* Second: Lange*
 In Favor: Bitter*, Coleman*, Drayton*, Bill Hammond*, Rich Hammond*,
 Heinzen*, McIntyre*, Lange*, Ledbetter*, Rossini*
 Against: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Crudup, Harkey, Irwin**

**not present for this action item

OTHER ITEMS

None.

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Board Chairperson Domonic Rossini and Task Force Chairperson Judy Zaninovich adjourned the meeting at 11:24 AM.

Respectfully submitted on October 22nd, 2020 by

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