

California Department of Food & Agriculture

Minutes

of the Joint Meeting / Conference Call
of the Pierce's Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board
and Pierce's Disease Advisory Task Force
Held on Monday, January 23, 2017
CDFA Headquarters - Auditorium
1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95811

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Dennis Atkinson, Pam Bond, Greg Coleman, Nat DiBuduo, Ben Drake, Bill Hammond, Keith Horn, Drew Johnson, Jim Ledbetter, Steve McIntyre, Ryan Metzler, Domonic Rossini, Steve Schafer

Members Absent: John Crossland, Robert Crudup

PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Members Present: Greg Clark, Nat DiBuduo, Ben Drake, Deborah Golino, Cathy Fisher, David House*, Drew Johnson, Beth Stone-Smith, Judy Zaninovich

Members Absent: Kevin Andrew, Jim Cranney, Richard Mounts

OTHER ATTENDEES

John Aguirre, Tyler Blackney, Monica Cooper, Tom Esser, Jim Farrar, Ken Freeze, Mark Greenspan, Craig Hanes, Kapua Kahumoku, Michael Miiller (CAWG), Mike Miller (Brown-Miller), Stacie Oswalt, Ted Reiger, Jimmy Schafer, Tim Schmelzer, Roger Spencer, Sean Veling, Bob Wynn

*Denotes attendance via conference call

CALL TO ORDER

Pierce's Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (PD/GWSS) Board Chair Nat DiBuduo and PD Advisory Task Force Chair Ben Drake called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Bob Wynn, CDFAs Statewide Coordinator, conducted the roll call for the PD/GWSS Board (Board) and the PD Advisory Task Force (Task Force). Quorums were present for the Board and the Task Force. Nat DiBuduo, Board Chair, then asked for introductions of other attendees and guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Bob Wynn introduced new Task Force member Cathy Fisher to the meeting. Cathy Fisher is the Agricultural Commissioner for Santa Barbara County and the current President of the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association.

Beth Stone-Smith, Task Force member and USDA-APHIS Director, introduced Wendy Beltz, Field Operations Director for District 1 (which includes California).

Nat DiBuduo, Board Chair and Ben Drake, Task Force Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chair Nat DiBuduo asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 24, 2016.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 24, 2016.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Ben Drake Second: Ryan Metzler
In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, DiBuduo, Drake, Hammond, Horn, Johnson, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Rossini, Schafer
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Crossland, Crudup

Task Force Chair Ben Drake asked the Task Force for a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings held on June 21, 2016 and October 24, 2016.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Task Force to approve the minutes from the meetings on June 21, 2016 and October 24, 2016.

Details of Task Force Vote

Motion: Judy Zaninovich Second: Beth Stone-Smith
In Favor: Clark, DiBuduo, Drake, Fisher, Golino, House*, Johnson, Stone-Smith, Zaninovich
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Andrew, Cranney, Mounts

NEXT MEETING

The next Board and Task Force meeting was set for Monday April 24, 2017, in Sacramento and will begin at 10:00 am. It will be held at the CDFA Gateway Oaks office located at 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive in Sacramento.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nomination Committee members announced the nominations for the new Board officers. The committee consisted of Pam Bond, John Crossland, Ben Drake, Keith Horn, and Ryan Metzler. The committee nominated the following new Board officers:

Chair: Pam Bond
Vice-Chair: Ryan Metzler
Treasurer: Keith Horn

ELECTION OF PD/GWSS BOARD OFFICERS

Board Chair Nat DiBuduo asked the Board members to vote on the recommendation from the Nomination Committee on the new Board officers.

Chair: Pam Bond
Vice-Chair: Ryan Metzler
Treasurer: Keith Horn

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the nominations recommended by the Nomination Committee.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Nat DiBuduo Second: Steve McIntyre
In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, DiBuduo, Drake, Hammond, Horn, Johnson,
Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Rossini, Schafer
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Crossland, Crudup

Following the vote, Bob Wynn presented outgoing Board Chair Nat DiBuduo with a Certificate of Appreciation, signed by Secretary Karen Ross, for his contributions and services as the Board Chair.

UPDATE ON UC INDIRECT COST CHARGES

Bob Wynn, CDFA Statewide Coordinator, gave an update on the discussions being held with the University of California (UC) regarding indirect cost charges. The UC wants to include indirect cost charges in all contracts and grants with CDFA, including research grants. The Board currently funds a number of research grants with UC.

Bob said that UC wanted to charge an indirect cost rate of 25% starting in 2016, and increase that by 5% each year until it reached a cap of 40%. The CDFA is trying to negotiate lower indirect cost charges, and proposed that the rate start at 10% with an increase of 5% each year to a cap of 25%. CDFA Secretary Karen Ross will be meeting with UC Executive Vice President/Chief Financial Officer Nathan Brostrom in February to discuss this. Members of the Board and Task Force discussed alternative courses of action to take, and asked about the situation with Marketing Boards and similar organizations.

After much discussion the Board voted to recommend establishing an ad hoc subcommittee to look into the indirect cost issue with the University of California.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve establishing an ad hoc subcommittee to look into the indirect cost issue with the University of California.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Nat DiBuduo Second: Steve Schafer/Steve McIntyre
In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, DiBuduo, Drake, Hammond, Horn, Johnson,
Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Rossini, Schafer
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Crossland, Crudup

PDCP FISCAL UPDATE

USDA Program Director Beth Stone-Smith reported briefly on the federal funding for the Program. The Federal budget is still under a continuing resolution (CR), which will expire April 28, 2017.

PDCP Environmental Program Manager II Roger Spencer presented the financial update for the PDCP. He went over PDCP revenues and expenditures for fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17, along with projected total expenditures. Projections show a shortage in funding in area-wide treatments and personal services. The PDCP will use reserve funds that are in the Pierce's Disease Management account to compensate for the shortage. The PDCP will be working on reducing expenditures for fiscal year 2016-17.

PDCP Environmental Program Manager I Tom Esser presented the fiscal update for the Board for fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17. He reported that this year's assessment revenues are expected to be around \$3.62 million, plus interest. Board members asked to know the reserve balance for the Board and for the Pierce's Disease Management account, and the rate and amount of interest earned.

UPDATE ON RESEARCH PROGRAM

Steve McIntyre, Chair of the Research Screening Committee, presented requested changes to four research projects which had been approved for funding by the Board. The first request was to increase funding for the project "Evaluating Potential Shifts in Pierce's Disease Epidemiology" by Dr. Rodrigo Almeida at UC Berkeley. The increase would be \$134,032 spread over two fiscal years.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend approving the request for increased funding for the project "Evaluating Potential Shifts in Pierce's Disease Epidemiology" by Dr. Rodrigo Almeida at UC Berkeley. The increase would be \$134,032.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Nat DiBuduo Second: Ben Drake
In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, DiBuduo, Drake, Hammond, Horn, Johnson, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Rossini, Schafer
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Crossland, Crudup

The next two requests were for the projects titled "Education and Outreach for the Grapevine Certification and Registration Program, and an Assessment of Recently Established Production Vines from Increase Blocks" and "Mapping Pierce's Disease and Vector Populations in the Southern San Joaquin Valley and Developing and Dynamic Model to Assess Management Strategies" by Dr. Neil McRoberts at UC Davis. The requests were to increase funding and to shift project starting and ending dates forward by three months.

After some discussion, the Board voted against approving the additional funding that was requested, but was agreeable to shifting the starting and ending dates forward by three months.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to not recommend approving the request for increased funding for the projects, but to allow the starting and ending dates to be shifted forward by three months.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Steve McIntyre Second: Ben Drake
In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, DiBuduo, Drake, Hammond, Horn, Johnson, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Rossini, Schafer
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Crossland, Crudup

The last request was to revise the protocol and budget for the project titled “Resistance to Grapevine Fanleaf Virus in Rootstocks” by Dr. Marc Fuchs at Cornell University. The new budget would decrease the funding for the project by \$39,493, and the revised protocol would remove some of the original objectives.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend approving the requested revised protocol and budget for the project “Resistance to Grapevine Fanleaf Virus in Rootstocks” by Dr. Marc Fuchs at Cornell University.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Jim Ledbetter Second: Ryan Metzler
In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, DiBuduo, Drake, Hammond, Horn, Johnson, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Rossini, Schafer
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Crossland, Crudup

Steve next gave an update on the upcoming Grapevine Virus Meeting. He said the meeting is being planned for early April and acknowledged and thanked Deborah Golino for all her help with organizing the meeting.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION UPDATE

Ken Freeze of Brown-Miller Communications provided an update on outreach and education activities. He started by showing a video on research being conducted by Dr. Rodrigo Almeida at UC Berkeley. He then talked about events and trade shows attended since the last meeting. This included attending the Unified Wine & Grape Symposium, Pierce’s Disease Research Symposium, Grape and Raisin Expo, and the California Association of Pest Control Advisers Conference and Agri-Expo in Anaheim, CA.

VITICULTURE CONSULTANT UPDATE

Mark Greenspan, Viticulture Consultant, provided an update on the grapevine field trials in Solano County. He said that planting of the grapevines involved in phase 2 of the field trials had started.

AREA-WIDE PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

Beth Stone-Smith provided an update on the area-wide programs in Fresno, Madera, Riverside, and Tulare counties. She discussed trapping results and treatment activities in each of those areas, and plans for this year. She then updated members on activities in Kern County. She said that research being conducted by Rick Redak at UC Riverside indicates that resistance to neonicotinoids is present in the Kern County area. Beth talked about possibly adding two new insecticides for treatments in the area-wide programs (Sivanto and Exirel) and their respective advantages and disadvantages.

During this update questions were raised about potential funding shortfalls for area-wide program activities. Bob Wynn said that if the PDCP does not have enough monies in its reserves then we may have to request Board funding support. The Board has money in its county backfill line item which is intended for addressing this type of issue.

After some discussion the Board voted to recommend making up to \$700,000 available from its county backfill line item to fund county workplan activities, in the event that more federal funds are needed for conducting area-wide program activities.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Ben Drake Second: Steve McIntyre
In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, DiBuduo, Drake, Hammond, Horn, Johnson,
Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Rossini, Schafer
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Crossland, Crudup

PDCP STAFF REPORTS

PDCP Staff provided updates on the latest activities within the program, including the nursery program and rapid response and treatment activities.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO C.G. SECTION 11126

N/A

RECONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

N/A

OTHER ITEMS

None

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Board Elect-Chair Pam Bond adjourned the meeting for both the Board and the Task Force at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on April 10, 2017 by

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