

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, April 29, 2019
CDFA Gateway Oaks Facility
2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Room 267
Sacramento, CA 95833

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Jeff Bitter, Pam Bond, Greg Coleman, Will Drayton, Bill Hammond,
Randy Heinzen, Keith Horn, Trey Irwin, Jim Ledbetter, Steve McIntyre,
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Members Absent: Robert Crudup

PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE

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

Members Absent: Kevin Andrew, Deborah Golino, Humberto Izquierdo

OTHER ATTENDEES

Tyler Blackney, Pete Downs, Tom Esser, Craig Hanes, Kapua Kahumoku, Michael Miller
(CAWG), Stacie Oswald, Ted Rieger, Nicole Shorter, Roger Spencer, Sean Veling, Myrna
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* Denotes attendance via conference call

CALL TO ORDER

Pierce's Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (PD/GWSS) Board Chair Keith Horn
called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Roger Spencer, Acting Statewide Coordinator, conducted the roll call for the PD/GWSS
Board (Board) and the PD Advisory Task Force (Task Force). A quorum was present for
the Board. A quorum was not present for the Task Force until later in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chair Keith Horn asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 25, 2019.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 25, 2019.

Details of Board Vote

In Favor: Bitter, Bond, Coleman, Drayton, Hammond, Heinzen, Horn, Irwin, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Rossini

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Crudup

A quorum was not present for the Task Force during this agenda item.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board and Task Force meeting was set for June 17, 2019, 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.

FISCAL UPDATES

USDA Program Director Beth Stone-Smith reported on the federal funding for the Pierce's Disease Control Program (PDCP). She said there was a delay in federal funding due to the federal government shutdown but reported that the PDCP was the first of the programs funded. The full appropriation was \$21.1 million; subtracting federal overhead costs of \$5,525,246 leaves a net total for the program of \$15,574,754, which is the same amount as in the previous fiscal year.

Acting Statewide Coordinator Roger Spencer presented the financial update for the PDCP. He went over the PDCP's revenues and expenditures for fiscal years 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20.

PDCP Environmental Program Manager I Tom Esser then presented the fiscal update for the Board, including actual, budgeted, year-to-date, and projected amounts .

RESEARCH PROGRAM UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Steve McIntyre, Chair of the Research Screening Committee (RSC), presented the funding recommendations of the RSC. He said a total of 23 proposals were received this year, and the RSC is recommending funding 18 of them. After some discussion, the Board voted to recommend funding 16 of the proposals and defer decisions on two others. Contingencies were added to two of the proposals recommended for funding.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend funding 16 projects totaling \$3,425,758 over the next three fiscal years. A contingency was included for two projects by Dr. Andrew Walker at UC Davis, recommending they be funded only after the intellectual property paperwork is completed for the Pierce's disease resistant grapevine varieties that were pre-released in 2017.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Domic Rossini Second: Will Drayton
In Favor: Bitter, Bond, Coleman, Drayton, Hammond, Heinzen, Horn, Irwin,
Ledbetter, McIntyre, Rossini
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Crudup

[Note: It was later learned that the American Vineyard Foundation would be funding one of the proposals, so the number of proposals to be funded by the Board dropped to 15, for a total of \$3,395,604.]

The Board then voted to recommend establishing a contract with the University of California to support the Board's annual request for, and review of, research proposals in fiscal year 2019-20.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend establishing a contract with the University of California to support the Board's annual request for, and review of, research proposals in fiscal year 2019-20. The total amount of the contract is \$82,782.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Randy Heinzen Second: Trey Irwin
In Favor: Bitter, Bond, Coleman, Drayton, Hammond, Heinzen, Horn, Irwin,
Ledbetter, McIntyre, Rossini
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Crudup

OTHER DESIGNATED PESTS OR DISEASES OF WINEGRAPES - SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

Steve McIntyre, Chair of the Other Designated Pests and Diseases Committee, introduced the discussion about spotted lanternfly. PDCP Senior Environmental Scientist Sean Veling then provided an update on the program's review and assessment of this pest and presented a draft of the checklist used for determining if a pest or disease should be recommended for designation by the Board as a serious threat to California winegrapes. After discussion, it was decided to not take any further actions at this time.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION UPDATE

Nicole Shorter of Brown-Miller Communications provided an update on outreach and education activities. This included the winter newsletter, monthly e-newsletter, PD website, social media pages, and tradeshow. She then showed a short video on the field trials being conducted by Dr. David Gilchrist at UC Davis to assess the disease protection which transformed grapevine rootstocks provide to untransformed scions.

AREA-WIDE PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

Beth Stone-Smith provided updates on the area-wide programs in Fresno, Madera, Kern, Riverside, and Tulare counties. This included information on trap catches, insecticide treatments, and challenges in each program area.

PDCP STAFF REPORTS

PDCP Environmental Program Manager I Craig Hanes provided updates on recent program activities, including rapid response and treatment activities.

PDCP Senior Environmental Scientist Stacie Oswald gave an update on nursery inspection program. She said 2018 was the first full calendar year with no rejections for GWSS finds in nursery shipments. For 2019, there is an increase in shipments and there has been one rejection to date.

PROGRAM NAME CHANGE

Roger Spencer discussed comments received about changing the names of the Pierce's Disease Control Program (PDCP) and/or the Pierce's Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (PD/GWSS) Board to reflect the expanded focus of the Program and Board to other winegrape pests and diseases. He pointed out that the laws creating the PDCP and Board specify what the names are. After discussion it was decided to table this topic for another time.

OTHER ITEMS

Michael Miiller, Director of Government Relations for the California Association of Winegrape Growers, gave a brief update on Senate Bill (SB) 449, which was introduced by Senator Mike McGuire (D-North Coast) to extend operations of the PDCP and PD/GWSS Board for another five years. Included in SB 449 is a provision to prohibit the University of California from including indirect cost charges in research agreements with the Board. He said the bill has passed two Senate policy committees and will proceed to the Senate Floor.

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Keith Horn adjourned the meeting for both the Board and the Task Force at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on May 20, 2019 by

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