

California Department of Food & Agriculture

Minutes

of the Joint Meeting / Conference Call
of the Pierce's Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (PD/GWSS) Board
and the Pierce's Disease (PD) Advisory Task Force
Held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015
CDFA Gateway Oaks Facility at 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Room 101, Sacramento, CA

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Dennis Atkinson, Pam Bond, Greg Coleman, John Crossland, Nat DiBuduo, Bill Hammond, Jim Ledbetter, Steve McIntyre, Ryan Metzler, Domonic Rossini

Members Absent: Ben Drake, David House, Drew Johnson, Steve Schafer, Steve Smit

PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Members Present: Kevin Andrew, Greg Clark, Nat DiBuduo, Deborah Golino, John Snyder*, Beth Stone-Smith, Judy Zaninovich

Members Absent: Jim Cranney, Ben Drake, David House, Drew Johnson, Richard Mounts

OTHER ATTENDEES

Kathy Diaz-Cretu, Tom Esser, Ken Freeze, Mark Greenspan, Craig Hanes, Kapua Kahumoku, Paul Kronenberg, Joe Monson, Stacie Oswald, Raj Randhawa, Roger Spencer, Sean Veling, Les Wright*, Bob Wynn

*Denotes attendance via conference call

CALL TO ORDER

PD/GWSS Board Chairperson Bill Hammond called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Bob Wynn, CDFA 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 both the Board and the Task Force. Board Chairperson Bill Hammond then asked for introductions of other attendees and guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Kronenberg, President of Family Winemakers of California (FWC), updated the Board and Task Force members on FWC and the California Association of Winegrape Growers' efforts to inform growers on the importance of voting on the PD referendum.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chairperson Bill Hammond asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 26, 2015.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2015 meeting.

Details of Board Vote

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

Board Chairperson Bill Hammond also asked the Task Force for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 26, 2015 meeting. Task Force Chairperson Ben Drake was not present at the meeting.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Task Force to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2015 meeting.

Details of Task Force Vote

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

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board and Task Force was set for Monday June 22, 2015, in Sacramento, and will begin at 10:00 am. It will be held at the CDFA Gateway Oaks Facility, 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Room 267, Sacramento, CA.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Bob Wynn introduced new Board member Domonic Rossini to the Board and Task Force members. Domonic was appointed as a representative of winegrape producers and the North Valley production area of the state.

Also Bob mentioned that Nursery Subcommittee member David House has stepped down from his position as chairperson of the committee.

BAGLEY-KEENE OPEN MEETING ACT

Bob Wynn briefly gave an update on the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and how it applies to the Board and Task Force.

Kapua Kahumoku, Associate Government Program Analyst for PDCP updated the members on required ethics training and CDFA ID Badges. Members are required to take this training every two years. CDFA ID Badges have changed and new ones will be issued.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION UPDATE

Ken Freeze of Brown-Miller Communications provided an update on recent outreach and education activities. He also showed the members a video featuring Andy Walker and his current research. He informed the members that the new "Fifteen Years of Success" brochure, which highlights achievements over the last 15 years in protecting California from the threat of Pierce's disease and the glassy-winged sharpshooter, was sent out to growers in March 2015.

PD CONTINUATION GROWER VOTE - UPDATE

Kathy Diaz-Cretu, CDFA Senior Agricultural Economist, gave an update on the grower referendum and answered questions from members and the public.

FISCAL UPDATE

USDA Program Director Beth Stone-Smith gave the fiscal update for the USDA, PDCP Environmental Program Manager II, Roger Spencer gave the fiscal report for the PDCP, and PDCP Environmental Program Manager I, Tom Esser gave the report for the Board.

RESEARCH FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

Steve McIntyre, Chair of the Research Screening Committee (RSC), presented the recommendations of the RSC regarding funding of the research proposals submitted in response to the most recent call for research proposals. After discussion, the Board voted to recommend funding eleven research projects totaling \$2,752,903 over the next three fiscal years.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend approving the recommended research proposals.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Nat DiBudo Second: Greg Coleman
In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, Crossland, DiBudo, Hammond, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Rossini
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Drake, House, Johnson, Schafer, Smit

OTHER DESIGNATED PESTS AND DISEASES OF WINEGRAPES

Steve McIntyre, Chair of the Other Pests and Diseases Designation Committee, spoke about Grapevine Leafroll-associated Virus (GRLaV). In February 2013 GRLaV was evaluated and the committee voted to not recommend designation at that time. However GRLaV is being looked at for re-evaluation. After some discussion, the committee was asked to provide a re-evaluation of GRLaV and present it at the next Board meeting.

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Steve McIntyre, Chair of the Product Development Committee (PDC), provided an update on the activities of the PDC. He reported that Peter Matlock was no longer serving as Technology Facilitator for the PD/GWSS Board but was still providing some assistance as time allowed. He also said that the PDC reviewed a proposal from PIPRA to continue providing intellectual property services and guidance to the Board, but it was decided to not recommend moving forward with it. That means that the contract with PIPRA, which began in 2005, will end on June 30th of this year. On May 19th the PDC will be meeting with the grapevine field trial researchers to talk about the field trials and the plans for the future. Steve also reported that the PDC is looking into the feasibility of hiring a Regulatory Consultant to assist with the deregulation of Pierce's disease resistant grapevines and provide guidance on the process, including estimates of the costs and time involved.

VITICULTURE CONSULTANT UPDATE

Mark Greenspan, Viticulture Consultant, updated the Board and Task Force on his recent activities with the grapevine field trials in Riverside and Solano counties.

After Mark's update, concerns regarding the condition of the grapevines involved in the Riverside County field trial led to the Board expressing serious concerns about the management of the trial. The PDCP staff were asked to follow up with the field trial manager and investigate options for dealing with the issues that were raised.

AREA-WIDE PROGRAM OVERVIEW & UPDATE

Beth Stone-Smith provided updates on the area-wide programs in Kern, Tulare, Fresno, Riverside, and Madera counties.

PDCP STAFF REPORTS

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

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO C.G. SECTION 11126

N/A

RECONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

N/A

OTHER ITEMS

N/A

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted on Wednesday, June 16, 2015 by

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