

California Department of Food & Agriculture

Minutes

of the Meeting / Conference Call
of the Pierce's Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board
Held on Monday, August 19, 2015

CDFA Gateway Oaks Facility - 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Room 267, Sacramento, CA 95833

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Dennis Atkinson*, Pam Bond*, Greg Coleman*, John Crossland*, Nat DiBuduo*, Ben Drake*, Bill Hammond, Keith Horn*, Jim Ledbetter, Steve McIntyre*

Members Absent: Robert Crudup, Drew Johnson, Ryan Metzler, Domonic Rossini, Steve Schafer

OTHER ATTENDEES

Tom Esser, Mark Greenspan, Kapua Kahumoku, Paul Kronenberg, Stacie Oswald, Ted Rieger, Beth Stone-Smith, Bob Wynn

*Denotes attendance via conference call

CALL TO ORDER

PD/GWSS Board Chairperson Bill Hammond called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Bob Wynn, CDFA Statewide Coordinator, conducted the roll call for the PD/GWSS Board (Board). A quorum was present for the Board. Board Chairperson Bill Hammond then asked for introductions of other attendees and guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Board Chairperson Bill Hammond welcomed everyone to the meeting. PD/CP Statewide Coordinator Bob Wynn reported that glassy-winged sharpshooter numbers are higher than normal this year in the infested parts of the San Joaquin Valley. He said the situation is being looked at to determine causes and develop solutions.

PROPOSAL FOR ADDRESSING PIERCE'S DISEASE IN THE NORTH COAST

Research Screening Committee (RSC) Chair Steve McIntyre spoke about the research and extension project proposal submitted by Dr. Rodrigo Almeida of UC Berkeley on Pierce's disease in the North Coast. The proposal is titled "Evaluating Potential Shifts in Pierce's Disease Epidemiology." He said it had been reviewed by the RSC and other reviewers, and the consensus was to recommend funding it.

- After some discussion, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to

recommend funding the research and extension project by Dr. Rodrigo Almeida titled "Evaluating Potential Shifts in Pierce's Disease Epidemiology" and totaling \$642,236 over the next three fiscal years.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Pam Bond* Second: Nat DiBuduo*
In Favor: Atkinson*, Bond*, Coleman*, Crossland*, DiBuduo*, Drake*, Hammond,
Horn*, Ledbetter, McIntyre*

Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Crudup, Johnson, Metzler, Rossini, Schafer

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UPDATE AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FIELD TRIALS

Product Development Committee Chair Steve McIntyre presented a revised proposal by Dr. Ann Powell for supplemental funding for her current work on the grapevine field trials. The proposal was revised so that it dealt only with activities at the Solano County field site. The project is titled "Field Evaluations of Grafted Grape Lines Expressing Polygalacturonase Inhibiting Proteins." Steve said that the PDC recommended the extra funding be provided.

- After some discussion, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend providing an additional \$9,114 in funding for Dr. Ann Powell's field trial project.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Greg Coleman* Second: Pam Bond*
In Favor: Atkinson*, Bond*, Coleman*, Crossland*, DiBuduo*, Drake*, Hammond,
Horn*, Ledbetter, McIntyre*

Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Crudup, Johnson, Metzler, Rossini, Schafer

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OTHER ITEMS

N/A

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted on October 13, 2015 by

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