

California Department of Food & Agriculture

Minutes

of the Joint Meeting / Conference Call
of the Pierce's Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board
and the Pierce's Disease Advisory Task Force
Held on Monday, January 27, 2014
CDFA Headquarters Auditorium, 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Dennis Atkinson, Pam Bond, Greg Coleman, John Crossland, Nat DiBuduo, Ben Drake, Drew Johnson, Jim Ledbetter, Steve McIntyre, Ryan Metzler, Al Rossini

Members Absent: David House, Bill Hammond, Steve Schafer, Steve Smit

PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Members Present: Nat DiBuduo, Ben Drake, Scott Hudson, Drew Johnson, Richard Mounts, John Snyder, Judy Zaninovich

Members Absent: Kassim Al-Khatib, Kevin Andrew, Jim Cranney, David House, Beth Stone-Smith

OTHER ATTENDEES

John Aguirre, Jonathan Bash, Alex Camacho, Brenda Coleman, Monica Cooper, Greg Clark, Tom Esser, Mike Falasco, Ken Freeze, Deborah Golino, Craig Hanes, Kapua Kahumoku, Paul Kronenberg, Peter Matlock*, Dana Merrill, Stacie Oswald, Raj Randhawa, Ted Rieger, Lance Simmons, Roger Spencer, Sean Veling, Bob Wynn, Broc Zoller

*Denotes attendance via conference call

CALL TO ORDER

PD/GWSS Board Chairperson Drew Johnson and Advisory Task Force Chairperson Ben Drake called the meeting to order at 10:05 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. Drew Johnson then asked for introductions of other attendees and guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Kronenberg, President of Family Winemakers of California, updated the Board and Task Force members on the Pierce's Disease Reauthorization Bill (AB 1642). Family Winemakers of California and California Association of Winegrape Growers (CAWG) are the initial sponsors of this bill.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Bob Wynn introduced Greg Clark who is the new Napa County Agricultural Commissioner. Greg is replacing David Whitmer who retired after 33 years in public service.

Corky Roche, long time member of the Advisory Task Force, passed away on January 2, 2014. A moment of silence was observed in his memory.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Drew Johnson asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 21, 2013.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2013 meeting.

Details of Board Vote

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

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Chairperson Ben Drake asked the Task Force for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 21, 2013 meeting.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Task Force to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2013 meeting.

Details of Task Force Vote

Motion: Drew Johnson Second: Judy Zaninovich
In Favor: DiBuduo, Drake, Hudson, Johnson, Mounts, Snyder, Zaninovich
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Al-Khatib, Andrew, Cranney, House, Stone-Smith

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the PD/GWSS Board and PD Advisory Task Force was set for Monday, April 28, 2014, 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.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Board Chair Drew Johnson spoke on behalf of the Nomination Committee announcing the nominations for the new Board officers. The committee recommended the following new Board officers.

Chair: Steve Schafer
Vice-Chair: Bill Hammond
Treasurer: Nat DiBuduo

ELECTION OF PD/GWSS BOARD OFFICERS

Board Chair Drew Johnson asked the Board members to vote on the recommendation from the Nomination Committee on the new Board officers.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend approving the new Board officers.

Details of Task Force Vote

Motion: Ben Drake Second: Al Rossini
In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, Crossland, Drake, Johnson, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Rossini

Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: DiBuduo**, Hammond, House, Schafer, Smit

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PD/GWSS BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Bob Wynn presented a certificate of appreciation to Dana Merrill for 13 years of service as a Board member. Dana's replacement is John Crossland of Vineyard Professional Services, Inc. John will represent grape producers and the Central Coast production area of the state. John has 42 years of experience in the winegrape industry and is a past chair of the California Association of Winegrape Growers.

PD/GWSS Board member Marilyn Wolf retired from Constellation Brands, Inc. on January 11, 2014 and resigned from the PD/GWSS Board after serving almost 6 years. Marilyn was not present at this meeting but a certificate of appreciate was mailed to her. Marilyn is being replaced by Steve Smit of Constellation Brands, Inc. Steve will represent winegrape producers and processors and the Central Valley production area of the state.

Bob also presented a certificate of appreciation to Drew Johnson for his work as Board Chair during this last year.

OTHER DESIGNATED PESTS AND DISEASES OF WINEGRAPES

Board Chair Drew Johnson discussed the pest designation process. He suggested that a subcommittee be created to help understand and develop a better method to designate new pests and diseases of winegrapes.

The new subcommittee consists of the following members:

Board Member	Steve Schafer
Board Member	Ben Drake
Board Member	Nat DiBuduo
Board Member	Steve McIntyre
Board Member	Pam Bond
Board Member	Greg Coleman
Advisory Task Force Member	Judy Zaninovich
PDCP Branch Chief	Roger Spencer
Napa County Agricultural Commissioner	Greg Clark
Farm Advisor, Viticulture	Monica Cooper

PDCP FISCAL UPDATE

Roger Spencer gave the fiscal report for the PDCP, and Tom Esser gave the report for the PD/GWSS Board.

PIPRA UPDATE

Alex Camacho from PIPRA (Public Intellectual Property Resource for Agriculture) reported on their recent activities. He reported that PIPRA had transferred its responsibilities for the grapevine field trials to Dr. Abhaya Dandekar at UC Davis and was working with CDFA to transfer management of the PD/GWSS research website at piercesdisease.org to CDFA.

REBUILDING THE PIERCE'S DISEASE RESEARCH WEBSITE

CDFA IT Director Rob Schmidt addressed the Board on updating the Pierce's disease research website (www.piercesdisease.org). The site was formerly maintained by PIPRA and requires new programming. The cost to update the site would be about \$50,000, and Rob said he would not charge above that amount. The Board was then asked if it wanted to fund the rebuilding of the website.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend approving funding of \$50,000 to update the www.piercesdisease.org website.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Al Rossini Second: Nat DiBuduo

In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, Crossland, DiBuduo, Drake, Johnson, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Rossini

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hammond, House, Schafer, Smit

UPDATE ON GRAPEVINE FIELD TRIALS

Steve McIntyre provided an update on the grapevine field trials currently in progress. He reported that the Grapevine Field Trial Advisory Committee would be meeting on February 20 to review proposals from the researchers to continue the trials beyond their current end date of June 30, 2014, and to discuss other aspects of the trials.

UPDATE ON RESEARCH RFP PROCESS

Deborah Golino gave an update on the RFP process and said that it is going well. The application process will close on January 31, 2014.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION UPDATE

Ken Freeze of Brown-Miller Communications provided an update on recent and planned outreach and education activities. These activities included upcoming tradeshow throughout California. Ken mentioned that he has been receiving questions regarding Red Blotch.

TECHNOLOGY FACILITATOR UPDATE

Peter Matlock, the new Technology Facilitator, presented a report on the status of current research and development of solutions to Pierce's disease and the steps and time it would take to commercialize them.

AREA-WIDE PROGRAM OVERVIEW & UPDATE

In Beth Stone-Smith's absence, Craig Hanes, PDCP Environmental Program Manager gave a brief overview of ongoing area-wide activities. This included area-wide treatments in Kern County in the General Beale area.

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 12:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted on Friday, April 4, 2014 by

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