

**Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee
Executive Committee Webinar Meeting
July 23, 2021 Minutes**

There was a quorum of the Executive Subcommittee and the following were in attendance:

Executive Subcommittee Members Present:

Jim Gorden* Mark McBroom* Dr. Etienne Rabe*

Executive Subcommittee Members Absent:

Bob Felts, Jr. Keith Watkins

CDFA Staff:

Kiana Dao*	Sarah Kraft*	Lydia Rodriguez*
Alisha Garcia*	Daniel Lee*	Michael Soltero*
David Gutierrez*	Jana Miscevic*	ThuyVy Truong*
Victoria Hornbaker*	Dr. David Morgan*	Claudia Vazquez
Laura Irons*	Alex Muñoz-Chavez*	Jennifer Willems
Anmol Joshi*	David Phong*	

Other Attendees:

Price Adams* Holly Deniston-Sheets*

*Participated via webinar

Opening Comments:

Jim Gordon called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and welcomed the Executive Committee (Committee), guests, and staff participating via webinar. There were no public comments.

Review of Committee Bylaws

Victoria Hornbaker reviewed the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee (CPDPC) bylaws, noting that currently, Executive Committee members are limited to two consecutive terms and elections are held biennially. She asked if the Committee wanted to discuss any proposed edits to the current executive terms. Dr. Etienne Rabe suggested more detailed descriptions of executive committee terms and he recommended using the language regarding executive terms in the Citrus Research Board (CRB) bylaws. Mark McBroom suggested that the 2022 Committee meeting calendar begin with a meeting in January. It was decided that the bylaws will be discussed at a future Full Committee meeting.

Finance Subcommittee Report

2020-21 Expenditure and Revenue Reports

Alisha Garcia presented the fiscal year (FY) 2020-2021 budget expenditures, noting that they have increased since the June Finance Subcommittee meeting by \$4,343,517, bringing the total expenditures for FY 2020-2021 total \$17,635,041. She pointed out that April and May have closed in FISCAL, bringing the FY 2020-2021 FISCAL total to \$20,913,143. She noted that expenditures presented at the June meeting were incorrectly allocated and have been corrected. Discrepancies observed between manual tracking and FISCAL are likely due to missing invoices and post-audit expenditures. She noted that discrepancies in trapping, regulation, and lab expenditure invoices are being reviewed and that the expenditure report for the next Finance Subcommittee meeting will reflect updated lab expenditures. Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Division (CPDPD) staff has been working with Macias, Gini & O'Connell LLP (MGO) to gain a better understanding of manual tracking discrepancies and how to better present information.

For FY 2020-21 revenues, Alisha reported that the total year to date is \$12,642,830. This is an increase of \$1,414,447 from the June 8 Finance Subcommittee meeting due to revenue received for the months of April and May. She stated that revenue is comparable to previous years, reaching the average monthly total of the previous 3 years.

Victoria Hornbaker confirmed the CPDPD will be receiving \$5,000,000 in on-going general funds from the state. She stated that as a budget surplus continues to be observed, she will be working with the Executive office to determine if a request for additional on-going funds can be made.

The Executive Subcommittee agreed to review the budget for FY 2021-2022 at an additional Full Committee meeting to be held in September.

Operations Subcommittee Report

Victoria Hornbaker reported that the Operations Subcommittee voted in favor of moving the proposal for interim funding for biocontrol isolines to the Executive Committee. She presented the proposal for the *Tamarixia radiata* isoline maintenance transition and explained that the 16 isolines are needed to achieve biodiversity during environmental releases. She also reported that due to the imminent retirement of Dr. Stouthamer, the isolines that are currently being maintained at the University of California, Riverside (UCR) will be discontinued. The CRB is seeking internal funding to move the isolines to Mount Rubidoux and requested bridge funding from the CPDPC in the amount of \$33,104 to assume maintenance of the isolines in the interim until CRB funding is secured. Dr. David Morgan noted that additional funding is needed to prepare laboratory space and the hiring of additional biocontrol staff to assume maintenance of isolines until CRB has secured funding.

Motion: To approve funding for the proposed interim project for transitioning of *Tamarixia radiata* isolines maintenance from UCR to CRB.

First: Dr. Etienne Rabe

Second: Jim Gorden

Motion Carries: 2 Yeas (Jim Gorden and Dr. Etienne Rabe), and 1 abstention (Mark McBroom).

Victoria Hornbaker reported that due to the recent rise in new COVID-19 cases, the CPDPD has implemented a mask mandate in offices and shared spaces in line with the California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) mandatory mask mandate in Los Angeles County. David Gutierrez noted that while CDFA has released guidelines regarding COVID-19 restrictions, these precautions will be taken by the entire CPDPD.

Science Subcommittee Report

Dr. Etienne Rabe reported that the second Sweet Orange Scab (SOS) working group meeting was held the previous week by Victoria Hornbaker and Keith Okasaki. He stated that an SOS report will be discussed by the Science Subcommittee at the upcoming meeting in September to be accompanied by a proposal. Dr. Jim Adaskaveg will also present a proposal to the United States Department of Agriculture and to the CRB at their upcoming meeting. Victoria added that Keith Okasaki will present the progress of the SOS working group at the August Full Committee meeting and the SOS white paper will be presented at the September Full Committee meeting.

Etienne also reported that the ethyl-formate registration is still progressing as planned, with a projected registration date of Fall of 2022.

Etienne added that the Secretary Ross was open to scheduling an additional scientific review of the program and program activities. He and Victoria will discuss nominations for a science advisory panel. Victoria noted that the Secretary supported the suggestion of a panel of outside

specialists assessing an overview of the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Program. Price Adams added that efficacy and sustainability of these programs as well as strategic planning efforts would benefit from outside scientific review.

Etienne advised the Executive Committee that Dr. Monique Rivera will present a proposal at the next Science Subcommittee meeting for either CPDPC or CRB to fund a study comparing all Asian citrus psyllid trap types.

Outreach Subcommittee Report

Price Adams reported that Nuffer Smith Tucker received paid media partnerships and has been onboarding a new public affairs staff member. She stated that a full update will be provided at the August 4 Outreach Subcommittee meeting and at the August 11 Full Committee meeting.

Victoria Hornbaker advised the Committee that the Executive Committee meeting on August 5, 2021 has been cancelled.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m. The next meeting will be held on October 22, 2021.