

**Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee
Executive Committee Webinar Meeting
June 24, 2022 Minutes**

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

Executive Committee Members:

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| Kevin Ball* | John C. Gless* | Mark McBroom* |
| Bob Felts, Jr.* | Jim Gorden* | Keith Watkins* |

Executive Committee Members Absent:

Etienne Rabe

CDFA Staff:

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| Paul Figueroa* | Laura Irons* | Keith Okasaki* |
| Alisha Garcia* | Sara Kraft* | Michael Soltero* |
| David Gutierrez* | David Morgan* | Jennifer Willems* |
| Victoria Hornbaker* | Alex Muniz* | Jason Wu* |

Other Attendees:

Price Adams*

*Participated via webinar

Outreach Subcommittee Report:

Price Adams reported that Nuffer Smith Tucker (NST) is using Facebook and radio ads to spread awareness regarding the recent Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) detections in Tulare County. NST partnered with influencers on Instagram to create homeowner specific content about the citrus program. NST released the 2021 annual report, which was shared with industry. NST continues to facilitate the Science Advisory Panel (SAP).

Finance Subcommittee Report:

2021/2022 Expenditure and Revenue Reports:

Bob Felt's, Jr. reported that Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/22 has closed out from October - April. Expenditures have increased by \$3,200,000, leaving a total expenditure of \$23,347,491. Bob added that the FY has changed to align with the states FY, and will close on June 30, meaning the expenditures will not reach the expected number projected. Expenditures for citrus canker, citrus yellow vein clearing virus (CYVCV), and sweet orange scab (SOS) will be redirected from the administration budget to the appropriate program codes. The majority of funding received from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for CYVCV will be used to offset laboratory costs. Revenue increased by \$1,764,000, bringing the total revenue for FY 2021-22 to \$8,957,000.

Operations Subcommittee Report:

John C. Gless reported as of July 1, 2022, Sandra Zwaal will be the new Grower Liaison for Riverside County. John added that the ACP detection dog team has been used with survey teams to detect ACP in less populated areas of the Coachella Valley and Imperial Valley. ACP has not been spotted on traps, but the dogs have been alerting to their possible presence. Dr. David Morgan added that biocontrol staff have been working with the dog teams in Imperial County to identify residences where treatment has not occurred to coordinate *Tamarixia radiata* releases. Jennifer Willems stated that the dog team has been working with county staff in the Central Valley, primarily in Fresno County in Orange Cove and in Tulare County in Woodlake/Lemon Cove for re-surveys. Jim Gorden expressed concern about properties with 25 or more citrus trees in the Woodlake/Lemon Cove area that have not been treated. Dog teams were deployed, and ACP were not detected during re-surveys at the 25+ properties. Jennifer stated that two ACP canine detector working group meetings were held and an update will be provide at the next Executive Committee meeting. Keith Okasaki provided an update regarding regulatory activity in response to detections at a packing house in Tulare County. Keith reported that Tulare County issued a Notice of Violation and may take further action with a Notice of Proposed Action, based on various violations at the packing house. A field inspection was conducted and shipping records reviewed as part of trace back efforts in Ventura and San Diego Counties where the fruit originated.

Science Subcommittee Report:

Strategic Plan / Program Review Progress Update:

Victoria Hornbaker stated that the Science Advisory Panel (SAP) draft report is under review and the SAP is preparing their final report. Mark McBroom will convene an external group of growers, packers, and nursery owners to review the report before going to the Science and Operations subcommittees, and ultimately the full committee. Victoria stated that Dr. Rabe discussed a possible strategic board session to flesh out any recommendations in the report and get it into an operational format. Additionally, USDA has not gotten back on the questions proposed to them regarding SOS but will be discussed with the SOS working group. Regarding ethyl formate, the registrant has responded to the Environmental Protection Agency's questions and is waiting for further updates. Victoria noted that neonicotinoids can be used on citrus in quarantine projects or on A-rated pests such as ACP, but at a lower rate. Victoria noted that Dr. Hajeri from the Central California Tristeza Eradication Agency believes more ACP testing should be done in the Central Valley in hopes that no positive ACP will be missed. Dr. Hajeri will submit a proposed work plan to DATOC for consideration. Dr. Hajeri also requested a hold on treatments in the Central Valley so surveyors can collect live ACP for testing.

Closing:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am. The next meeting will be held on July 22, 2022.