

**Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee
Executive Committee Webinar Meeting
August 19, 2022 Minutes**

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

Executive Committee Members:

Bob Felts, Jr.* John C. Gless* Mark McBroom*

Executive Committee Members Absent:

Dr. Etienne Rabe Keith Watkins

CDFA Staff:

Carl Baum*	Victoria Hornbaker*	Claudia Vasquez*
Samuel Ferris*	Anmol Joshi*	Jennifer Willems*
Paul Figueroa*	David Morgan*	Amelia Wright*
Alisha Garcia*	Keith Okasaki*	Jason Wu*
David Gutierrez*	Michael Soltero*	

Other Attendees:

Price Adams* Kevin Ball* Geoffrey Hollenbeck*

*Participated via webinar

Opening Comments:

Mark McBroom called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., welcoming Executive Committee (Committee), guests, and staff participating. There were no public comments.

Outreach Subcommittee Report:

Price Adams, Nuffer, Smith, Tucker (NST), reported that the Chula Vista Lemon Festival was well attended and received positive feedback. Alex Muniz participated in the event and was interviewed by the San Diego Tribune. Price noted that information about citrus yellow vein clearing virus (CYVCV) was shared in a Citrus Insider e-newsletter. Since the release of the e-newsletter, NST has received inquiries from industry publications and continues to work closely with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on responses to those inquiries. NST is preparing a guide that clearly outlines grower and Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Division responsibilities with respect HLB detections in or near commercial groves.

Finance Subcommittee Report:

2021/2022 Expenditure and Revenue Reports:

Bob Felts, Jr. stated that neither the month of June nor the 21/22 fiscal year (FY) have closed. There were no changes to the year-to-date expenditures, leaving the total at \$26,493,000. Revenue for the 21/22 FY increased by \$663,000 bringing the total to

\$10,476,000. The total is about \$2,000,000 short of the projected value. There are no 22/23 FY expenditures to report yet, because July has not closed. He noted some budget changes will need to be added into the 22/23 FY budget, including rent for the Mount Rubidoux biocontrol rearing facility and funding for sweet orange scab (SOS) survey and rulemaking.

Reviewing County Agreements and Scope of Work:

Keith Okasaki stated that a report will be presented at the September Operations Subcommittee meeting to review the county regulatory agreements, the scope of work, staffing and how many county staff are working full-time on Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) quarantine enforcement, and adding items to their scope of work in order to assist with other activities.

Operations Subcommittee Report:

John C. Gless reported that there is concern regarding grate cleaning and ACP detections. John stated that the ACP canine detection team is not permitted in HLB zones but that he would like to have the dogs work at inspecting bins after grate cleaning to determine the effectiveness of the cleaning process.

Kevin Ball stated that the Ventura County Task Force discussed adjusting the area-wide treatment calendars for next year to allow growers with Pest Control Advisors more flexibility with the timing of treatment, possibly adjusting pest management areas to increase coverage in certain areas. Kevin asked due to retirements, who will be giving the pesticide recommendations for ACP treatments and materials from the University of California (UC). Victoria responded that the program is still relying on Dr. Elizabeth Grafton-Cardwell's recommendations that were made prior to her retirement. The Citrus Research Board is recruiting to back fill for that position. Mark McBroom raised the question about new chemistries and ACP efficacy. Victoria stated that these reviews would need to be conducted by the UC.

Science Subcommittee Report:

Keith Okasaki reported the USDA cross functional working group accepted the proposal to drop the requirement of removing stems and leaves when shipping fruit from an SOS regulated area. USDA subsequently made the appropriate changes in the federal order. Keith noted there was a proposal to change quarantine radius size, from a 5-mile to a 1-mile radius. The cross functional working group denied the proposal and the quarantine radius will remain at five miles. Keith's team will move forward with the rulemaking to establish a state interior quarantine to prevent a statewide SOS quarantine.

Closing:

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 am. The next meeting will be held on September 23, 2022.