

**Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee
Executive Committee Webinar Meeting
October 21, 2022, Minutes**

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

Executive Committee Members:

Bob Felts, Jr.*	Dr. Etienne Rabe*	Keith Watkins*
John C. Gless*		

Executive Committee Members Absent:

Mark McBroom

CDFA Staff:

Carl Baum*	David Gutierrez*	Michael Soltero*
Amelia Everett*	Laura Irons*	ThuyVy Truong*
Paul Figueroa*	Victoria Hornbaker*	Claudia Vasquez*
Alisha Garcia*	Anmol Joshi*	Jennifer Willems*
Jim Gordon*	Keith Okasaki*	Jason Wu*

Other Attendees:

Price Adams*	Kevin Ball*	Natalie DeAngelo*
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*Participated via webinar

Opening Comments:

Dr. Etienne Rabe called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., welcoming Executive Committee, guests, and staff participating. There were no public comments.

Outreach Subcommittee Report:

Natalie DeAngelo, Nuffer, Smith, Tucker (NST), reported that the outreach team has a handful of in-person trade shows and events occurring in the month of November. They include the San Diego Farm Bureau, the California State Association of Counties Conference, the Mountain Mandarin Festival, and the Latino Farmer Conference. NST is gearing up for another six (6) months of digital distribution of the public service announcement across the state beginning in November 2022. Following huanglongbing (HLB) detections in Monrovia and Duarte, NST organized a presentation to the Monrovia Arcadia Duarte Town Council. NST also held a meeting with the Ventura County Public Information Office staff to provide them with updated Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) information in their area and provide informational materials to use and share within their own channels. In coordination with California Citrus Mutual, NST recently hosted a virtual packing house meeting for packers in the Ventura region. Lastly, NST is in the final stages of the video shoot refresh project for the "What to Expect" video which is used to communicate activities that the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Division (CPDPD) conducts on residential properties in response to HLB or ACP detections.

Victoria Hornbaker mentioned that Dr. Neil McRoberts organized a visit to California for a team from Valencia, Spain's Department of Agriculture. The group met at the CPDPD office to gather information on the activities that California is taking in response to ACP and HLB, toured the Plant Pest Diagnostic Center and visited the field and the biocontrol rearing facility. Victoria also mentioned that she gave a presentation at the California Association of Pest Control Advisors Annual Conference, where she made good connections, including with a Pest Control Advisor from Maui, Hawaii that is in charge of what will be a large commercial citrus planting there. She also gave an update on CPDPD activities at the California Agricultural Commissioner and Sealers Association winter conference.

Finance Subcommittee Report:

2021/2022 Expenditure and Revenue Reports:

Bob Felts, Jr. reported that the revenue for 2021/22 is coming in at \$11,600,000, which is \$900,000 short of the projected amount. Expenditures through August are about \$3.5 million, running close to the same timeframe as last year. Those are not official numbers, as the months have not closed. .

Victoria discussed the National Agricultural Statistics Services (NASS) crop projection that came in on October 12. The NASS projection was only 400,000 cartons over the CPDPD projection. The Finance Subcommittee recommends keeping the 188,000,000 projection that was approved at the September Committee meeting.

Operations Subcommittee Report:

John C. Gless reported that he cancelled the November 2 Operations Subcommittee meeting, the next Operations meeting will be held on December 7. John mentioned that he is looking forward to the Science Advisory Panel (SAP) strategic meeting in December and noted that he is hopeful that the committee will take part in the survey to provide good feedback for the upcoming meeting.

Science Subcommittee Report:

Dr. Etienne Rabe noted that he was at the California Citrus Conference and spoke to Spencer Walse regarding ethyl formate. Etienne was hopeful that ethyl formate registration will be approved by the end of the year. Victoria added that she, Spencer Walse and James Cranney will meet with the Department of Pesticide Regulation to discuss the need for ethyl formate. Keith Okasaki mentioned that the team is still working on the sweet orange scab regulatory package. The general timeline for regular rule making is about one year with the shortest time period is about nine months. Victoria noted that the Citrus Yellow Vein Clearing Virus survey resumed on September 26. The team is surveying every property and every host on those property that are bisected on a 7-mile arch. So far everything that has been analysis has come back negative.

Closing:

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am. The next meeting will be held on December 16, 2022.