

**Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee  
Executive Committee Webinar Meeting  
March 25, 2024, Minutes**

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

**Executive Committee Members:**

Kevin Ball*	Bob Felts, Jr*	Marck McBroom*
Bob Felts*	John C. Gless*	Keith Watkins*

**CDFA Staff:**

Carl Baum*	Mathew Fulks*	Jana Miscevic*
Amelia Everett*	David Guitierrez*	Nathan Rosenblum*
Evonne Fell*	Victoria Hornbaker*	Jennifer Willems*
Paul Figueroa*	Joann Moore*	Jason Wu*

**Other Attendees:**

Price Adams\*

\*Participated via Webinar

**Opening Comments:**

Keith Watkins called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m., welcoming the Executive Committee, guests, and staff participating. Keith welcomed the new Operations Subcommittee chair, Kevin Ball. There were no other public comments.

**Review Committee Bylaws:**

Victoria Hornbaker reviewed the quorum and voting requirements as stated in the committee bylaws. Currently, the requirement for a quorum is a majority of nine voting committee members. However, in the event of Committee vacancies, it may not be possible to receive nine votes. The Executive Committee requested that the bylaw be clarified to state "in the event that Committee membership is not full, the quorum will be a majority of existing Committee members". Bob Felts, Jr. and John C. Gless made and seconded the recommendation to move it forward to the full Committee. All Committee members in attendance agreed.

**California Fruit Fly Detections:**

Victoria stated that there are seven current fruit fly quarantines within California, three in Northern California and four in Southern California. Trapping, treatment, and fruit removal are going well with most properties complying with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). CDFA will conduct large scale fruit removal in Redlands, which will include about 2000 residences as well as several groves Victoria also noted

the number of fruit fly detections has decreased in the past few months, possibly due to cooler weather, but there may be an emergence as the weather warms up.

**Review Citrus Yellow Vein Clearing Virus Rulemaking:**

Victoria reminded the Executive Committee that a regulatory framework is in development for proposal for citrus yellow vein clearing virus, which will include a half mile quarantine, but growers and nurseries within the quarantine zones will not be required to conduct tree removal nor need additional treatments. They will be required to follow the current regulations when packing and shipping fruit in a similar manner to an ACP quarantine zone.

**Outreach Subcommittee Report:**

Price Adams reported that local publications such as the Ventura Star newsletter have been successful in raising awareness about the invasive fruit flies and concerns with Huanglongbing (HLB). Additional advertisements during the Lunar and Chinese New Year will run to increase awareness on not moving produce and nursery stock.

Price noted that NST has distributed informational door hangers in the Santa Paula area to notify residents of activities that are being done in response to HLB detections. NST has also reserved space at several outreach events, including the Highland Citrus Festival and the Historic Citrus Park event. CDFA staff have participated in multiple Rare Fruit Grower events and scion exchanges to educate them on only using clean citrus budwood.

Updated information regarding Oriental fruit fly treatment, bulk citrus movement, and harvest requirements continues to be included in the Citrus Insider publications. Price noted more informational materials will be provided in response to the growing HLB quarantine zones which now include the cities of Azusa, Escondido, Paramount, Signal Hill and Oceanside. Victoria noted she will be attending both the International HLB Research Conference in Riverside and the Highland Citrus Festival.

**Finance Subcommittee Report:**

*2023/2024 Expenditure and Revenue Report:*

Bob Felts reported that the total Year-to-Date expenditures were \$14,296,000. The citrus program is \$3,000,000 under expenditures this time last year, due to program efficiencies. Total Year-to-Date revenue is \$5,709,201 of the projected \$16,200,000 for the 23/24 fiscal year. About 63 million cartons of fruit were processed this fiscal year, which increased from the last fiscal year. The Clean Citrus Nursery Stock Program revenue received to date was \$18,568 and expenditures to date totaled \$39,584.

**Operation Subcommittee Report:**

John C. Gless stated that there is nothing new to report.

**Science Subcommittee Report:**

Keith Watkins stated that there was nothing new to report.

**Other Business:**

Keith asked the Executive Committee to submit any requests for changes in subcommittee members. Aaron Dillon suggested separating the Operation Subcommittee meeting and the Outreach Subcommittee meeting to different days.

**Closing:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m. The next meeting will be held on June 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.