Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee (CPDPC) Region-Specific Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) / Huanglongbing (HLB) Activity Working Group Meeting

Meeting Minutes April 16, 2025

The following were in attendance:

Region-Specific ACP/HLB Activity Working Group Meeting Members Present:

Kevin Ball Jim Gorden Dr. Ivan Milosavljevic Chris Boisseranc Dr. Melinda Klein Dr. Etienne Rabe

John C. Gless Dr. Neil McRoberts

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Staff:

Deborah Ayala Zack McCormack David Phong
Paul Figueroa Alex Muniz Michael Soltero
Anmol Joshi Raymond Niem Nilan Watmore
Dahmoon Maeesomy Keith Okasaki Jennifer Willems

Other Attendees:

Sandra Zwaal

All attendees participated via webinar

Opening Comments

Chair, Dr. Etienne Rabe called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Discuss Region-Specific ACP/HLB Activities

Following the previous working group meeting on March 27, 2025, the working group continued discussions on what activities (residential trapping, residential multi-pest survey (MPS), grove trapping, commodity survey, biocontrol, ACP detection response, and HLB and CLas+ ACP detection response) should occur in each region. The updated regions include: Northern California, San Joaquin Valley, Central Coast, Southern Coast, Desert, Los Angeles and Orange County, San Bernardino and Western Parts of Riverside County, and San Diego County.

In San Diego County, most of the group believed residential MPS should be conducted in the ag-urban interface. Biocontrol should continue in residential settings. However, due to the limited resources, the group does not think it is realistic to allocate biocontrol agents to commercial settings in an equitable manner statewide. Grove trapping should be an optional activity for the Pest Control Districts. HLB and CLas+ ACP detection response and commodity survey should continue.

The group consensus in the Southern California Desert region is that residential MPS and biocontrol should occur in the ag-urban interface. HLB and CLas+ ACP detection

response and commodity survey should continue. The group was split on grove trapping. The group wants to solicit bids from entities for conducting commodity surveys and grove trapping.

The group started the discussion on the Los Angeles and Orange County region. The group recommended that Dr. David Morgan at CDFA and Dr. Neil McRoberts at the University of California at Davis create a proposal for limited residential trapping in Southern California. Limited residential trapping could allow for better understanding of ACP population dynamics. Discussions were tabled due to time constraints and will continue on Tuesday, April 22. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.