

**Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee (CPDPC)
Science and Technology Subcommittee Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2025**

There was a quorum of the Science and Technology Subcommittee, and the following were in attendance:

Science Subcommittee Members Present:

Brad Carmen	Dr. Melinda Klein	Dr. Etienne Rabe
Aaron Dillon	Mark McBroom	Dr. Ram Uckoo*
Dr. Subhas Hajeri	Dr. Ivan Milosavljevic	

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Staff:

Anmol Joshi	David Phong	Jennifer Willems
Lauren Murphy	Grace Radabaugh	Claudia Vazquez
Raymond Niem	Nilan Watmore	

Other Attendees:

Dr. Dhiraj Gautam	Dr. Saurabh Gautam	Sandra Zwaal
Dr. Sandipa Gautam	Hailey Jones	

All attendees participated via webinar

*Subcommittee members declared their inability to use a camera

Opening Comments

Chair, Dr. Etienne Rabe called the CPDPC Science and Technology Subcommittee meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025. David Phong welcomed Subcommittee members, guests, and staff. There were no public comments.

HLB Hot Spot Summary

David Phong summarized the Hotspot Working Group recommendations. The recommendations were reviewed by the Operations Subcommittee during the September 11, 2025, subcommittee meeting and a recommendation was made for further discussion at the CPDPC meeting on September 17, 2025. The Science Subcommittee requested that David Phong provide data showing commercial acreage information and the implications of using the 3%, 4%, and 5% hotspot thresholds for Southern California.

Regional Working Group Summary

David Phong provided a summary of the Regional Working Group discussions. The working group did not recommend adding or removing activities beyond what CDFA is currently conducting, but instead suggested modifications to the protocols for existing activities. The working group recommendations were reviewed by the Operations Subcommittee during the September 11, 2025, subcommittee meeting and a

recommendation was made for further discussion at the September CPDPC meeting. Dr. Ivan Milosavljevic and Dr. Neil McRoberts will begin developing a proposal for limited sentinel trapping activity in Southern California.

Pest Control District (PCD) Working Group Updates

Dr. Etienne Rabe briefly discussed updates on the PCD Working Group. Currently, there are no recommendations from the Executive Subcommittee regarding whether to transfer commercial activities to the Alliance of Pest Control District (APCD). This topic will be further discussed at the September CPDPC meeting.

Other Items and Adjournment

Dr. Etienne Rabe adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.