

**Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee (CPDPC)
Executive Committee Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2026**

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

Executive Committee Members:

Kevin Ball	Mark McBroom	Roger Smith
John C. Gless	Kurt Metheny	

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Staff:

Paul Figueroa	Keith Okasaki	Jennifer Willems
Dahmoon Maesomy	Alisha Rios	Claudia Vazquez
Raymond Niem	Michael Soltero	

Other Attendees:

Hardie Bamboo	Kurtis Lepper	Mia Neunzig
Dr. Subhas Hajeri		

All attendees participated via webinar

Opening Comments

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

Approval of Minutes

Kevin Ball recommended approving the minutes from the previous Executive Committee meeting held on April 27, 2026. The recommendation was seconded by Kurt Metheny and passed unanimously.

Executive Committee Calendar

Keith Okasaki presented a draft Executive Committee meeting calendar where the Executive Committee would be scheduled to meet monthly for the remainder of 2026 as discussed at the previous meeting instead of quarterly.

Kevin Ball recommended approving the updated 2026 Executive Committee calendar. The recommendation was seconded by Roger Smith and passed unanimously.

Finance Subcommittee Report

Claudia Vazquez provided a summary of the presentation and discussion from the recent Finance Subcommittee meeting held on May 19, 2026. The March 2026 year to date revenue total closed at \$11,870,636 and February 2026 expenditures were \$2,644,178. The Finance Subcommittee also made a recommendation to move the proposed fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 budget of \$34,797,725 to the Full Committee for approval. The proposed amount roughly equates to a five-percent increase from the current year budget. The Ventura E-fund was also extended for another fiscal year and the scope was expanded to include all of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.

Operations Subcommittee Report

Kevin Ball highlighted main topics discussed during the recent Operations Subcommittee meeting on May 20, 2026. With the recent detections of *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* positive Asian citrus psyllids, the subcommittee shared their concerns about the CDFA lab's ability to efficiently process large influxes of samples as a result of detections like in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. The subcommittee discussed possible solutions that included diverting samples to the Citrus Research Board lab or altering sampling or testing protocols. The biocontrol facility also provided a summary on their release protocols to confirm releases are not occurring within treatment areas. Lastly, a nursery was caught violating the Citrus Nursery Stock Pest Cleanliness Program and other quarantine regulations when they were found illegally collecting budwood as propagative material. The nursery opted to voluntarily destroy over 50,000 nursery stock plants and remove groves that were illegally topworked.

Industry Ad Hoc Committee

John Gless stated the members of the Industry Ad Hoc Committee are beginning to be finalized. Nuffer Smith Tucker will facilitate the meetings and conduct pre-interviews with Ad Hoc Committee members to help guide discussions.

Other Item(s) and Adjournment

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.