

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

**Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2026**

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

Science Subcommittee Members:

Brad Carmen	Mark McBroom	Dr. Etienne Rabe
Dr. Subhas Hajeri	Dr. Ivan Milosavljevic	Jeff Steen

Subcommittee Members Absent:

Aaron Dillon	Dr. Melina Klein	Dr. Ram Uckoo
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California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Staff:

Paul Figueroa	Raymond Niem	Claudia Vazquez
Anmol Joshi	Keith Okasaki	Jennifer Willems

Other Attendees:

Dr. Bodil Cass	Dr. Saurabh Gautam	Randy Skidgel
Dr. Rob Clark	John C. Gless	Jeff Slover
Lisa Finke	Meagan Lott	Sandra Zwaal

All attendees participated via webinar

Opening Comments

Mark McBroom called the CPDPC Science and Technology Subcommittee meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2026. Keith Okasaki welcomed Subcommittee members, guests, and staff. There were no public comments.

Review Organic Spray Options

Keith Okasaki presented a review of pesticide treatment options for citrus growers. Currently, when an Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) or *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus*-positive (CLas-positive) ACP is detected, treatment in response to the detection is voluntary. Growers electing to treat their grove(s) may use any product on the University of California (UC) Integrated Pest Management (IPM) list for ACP, which includes organic pesticides. However, when there is a huanglongbing (HLB) detection, treatment response within the treatment area is mandatory. Affected growers must use a product on the “spray and harvest” list, which does not include any organic options. Dr. Ivan Milosavljevic reviewed the results of several organic pesticide field study trials conducted in Florida and compiled a table that shows the products’ knockdown efficacy and residual time.

While reviewing the “spray and harvest” list, subcommittee members expressed that the list was severely outdated and needed to be reviewed. The subcommittee agreed that a working group needed to be formed to: 1) Review current conventional products on the “spray and harvest” treatment list, including the 14 day window; 2) Review organic pesticide options for general treatment and “spray and harvest” use; and 3) Establish a plan for field trials of organic products if deemed necessary. Members of the working group are to be Dr. Ivan Milosavljevic, Dr. Bodil Cass, Dr. Sandipa Gautam, Brad Carmen, Keith Okasaki, and an organic citrus grower to be determined.

ACP Detector Dog Update

No update provided.

Other Item(s) and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.