

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

Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2026

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

Executive Committee Members:

Kevin Ball	Mark McBroom*	Kurt Metheny
John C. Gless		

Committee Member Absent:

Roger Smith

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Staff:

Carl Baum	Keith Okasaki	Nilan Watmore
Paul Figueroa	Michael Soltero	Jennifer Willems
Anmol Joshi	ThuyVy Truong	Claudia Vazquez
Raymond Niem		

Other Attendees:

Dr. Subhas Hajeri	Mia Neunzig
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All attendees participated via webinar

*Subcommittee members declared their inability to use a camera

Opening Comments

John Gless called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., welcoming the Executive Committee, guests, and staff.

Public Comments

Mark McBroom commented on the recent huanglongbing-positive tree detection in the Calexico area of Imperial County and expressed his frustration at the reduced support over the past few years from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and CPDPC for Imperial County. Mark requested the CPDPC increase financial support for Imperial County to help fund activities that will strengthen the border buffer. Claudia Vazquez mentioned the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Division (CPDPD) submitted a proposal to receive emergency funds (E-fund) for activities in Imperial County.

Approval of Minutes

Kurt Metheny recommended approving the minutes from the previous Executive Committee meeting held on June 5, 2026. The recommendation was seconded by Kevin Ball and passed unanimously.

Finance Update

Claudia stated that the finance report for fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 will be finalized in September. At the upcoming August 27th Finance Subcommittee meeting, CPDPD will share the June 2026 finance report and discuss assessment rate options for FY 2026-27. Claudia also mentioned that there is currently a delay with receiving federal funds due to additional reviews requested by USDA.

Treatment in Response to ACP Detections in San Luis Obispo

Keith Okasaki reported that a grove in San Luis Obispo County has had several Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) adult and nymph detections over the past two months, and although the grove has been treated, ACP continues to be detected. Surveys in the Santa Maria area of Santa Barbara County, adjacent to the grove, showed there was an elevated ACP population. To help reduce ACP population, CPDPD staff are planning to treat residential sites in the Santa Maria area using E-funds.

Citrus Yellow Vein Clearing Virus (CYVCV) Update

Keith reported that in early July 2026, a sample collected during a routine multi-pest survey inspection in the Lodi area of San Joaquin County was confirmed to be positive for CYVCV. This was the first detection of CYVCV in San Joaquin County and is the third county in California where it has been detected (Los Angeles and Tulare). Delimitation survey activities are ongoing, and a new quarantine area was established following the detection. To date, at least one CYVCV-positive tree has been detected on over 60 properties. CPDPD is preparing to include a test for CYVCV in citrus nursery stock mother tree sampling this year under the Citrus Nursery Stock Pest Cleanliness Program.

Industry Ad Hoc Committee Update

John stated that interviews have concluded with the Industry Ad Hoc Committee members and Nuffer Smith Tucker is coordinating with members to select a date and location for the first meeting.

Other Item(s) and Adjournment

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.