

CPDPC Executive Committee Webinar Meeting

July 1, 2019 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Jim Gorden at 1:30 p.m. on July 1, 2019. There was a quorum of the Executive Committee and the following were in attendance via webinar:

Executive Committee Members:

Bob Felts, Jr.	Mark McBroom	Keith Watkins
Jim Gorden	Dr. Etienne Rabe	

CDFA Staff:

Craig Haines	Victoria Hornbaker	Sara Khalid
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Other Attendees:

Price Adams

Opening Comments

Jim Gorden welcomed the Executive Committee, guests and staff participating in person and via webinar.

Finance Subcommittee Report

Bob Felts Jr. provided a summary of the information discussed at the June 11, 2019 Finance Subcommittee meeting. Bob stated that the revenue collected in May 2019 was \$3,179,947.99. The total revenues collected in Fiscal Year (FY) 18-19 were \$13,502,357.96. The outstanding amount for the remainder of FY 18-19 is \$4,497,642.04. Bob noted that in May 2019 there were \$444,081 in expenditures, which is very low and expected to change. Bob stated that Joel Nelsen has secured \$2,900,000 in additional Citrus Health Response Program funds for California. Etienne Rabe and Bob discussed whether or not there was a chance of a revenue short fall. Bob noted that it was considered, but it looks like assessment revenue is on track to reach the projected \$18,000,000. and Victoria noted that the Governor signed the budget and in that budget is an increase of \$2,500,000 in ongoing general funding, bringing the total ongoing general funding to \$5,000,000. She also noted that the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) got the requested 61 positions to start a Citrus Division.

Operations Subcommittee Report

Keith Watkins reviewed the items that were discussed at the June 12, 2019 Joint Operations and Science Subcommittee meeting pertaining to operations. He talked about the request made to the Data Analysis Tactical Operations Cell (DATOC) to analyze the tree removal in residential areas to guide the program in making decisions on when to change tactics. The grate cleaning protocol was discussed with the

regulations, the Subcommittee agreed to pass it along to the Full Committee, but Keith noted that there might be some concern that the protocol might be too restrictive. Victoria noted that this item was added to the consent agenda. Keith stated that DATOC has looked at the seasonal variation in the cycle threshold (ct) value, noting no variation in ct between seasons, the DATOC has recommended to the Subcommittee to revise the resurvey requirement in response to an Huanglongbing (HLB) from two resurveys per year to one. Victoria stated that the DATOC analysis was added to the consent agenda as the Subcommittee voted to bring the analysis to the Full Committee. Victoria also noted that the HLB Response section from the Action Plan was revised to clearly separate out the residential and commercial responses. Keith noted that Peggy Mauk gave a comprehensive update on the dog visit to University of California, Riverside (UCR). He stated that to date none of the dog alerted trees at UCR have been determined to be positive, as the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) analysis has not been completed. Jim Gorden stated that two additional HLB trees were detected in Riverside and Victoria noted that the new detections were in the same area as the previous detection in Riverside. Keith mentioned that Colleen Murphy is continuing to fine-tune the Situation Status Dashboard and that Ray Leclerc discussed the refined treatment window for the area-wide buffer treatments.

Science Subcommittee Report

Dr. Etienne Rabe provided an update on the items discussed at the June 12, 2019 Joint Operations and Science Subcommittee meeting pertaining to science. He talked about the request he made to DATOC regarding the development of matrices to signal the appropriate time to cease residential tree removal. DATOC will be convening a meeting in Denver on September 19 to discuss this and other items that have been brought to the DATOC. Jim asked about posting in compliance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. Etienne asked Victoria to speak with Holly about the intent of the meeting and if Committee members should be encouraged to attend. He noted that Jim Cranney indicated that the registration of Ethyl Formate is on track for registration toward the end of 2020. He looked at the possibility of a Section 18 registration, but he advised against it because the data for Section 18 would need to be developed. He also spoke about the Evergreen Section 18, noting that the Subcommittee voted to bring this item to the Full Committee to ask California Citrus Mutual to withdraw the Section 18, as it is not being used. The final item that Etienne discussed was the debate on the antibiotics and Jim Cranney's desire to have the two antimicrobials available for continued use, but that he is looking for funding for a public relations project to develop a pamphlet for the media with talking points to push back on negative sentiment. Victoria noted that if the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee (CPDPC) were to consider funding this it would have to go out a request for proposals.

Outreach Subcommittee Report

Mark McBroom updated the Committee on the Grower Meetings, Mark noted that they were good meetings with large turn outs. There were helpful topics that were discussed. He complemented Carolina on her work putting the meetings together. He did note that there should have been a regulatory component in the meetings. He wants to get more members of the Committee engaged in Outreach and wants to bring folks together more

regularly to come up with novel ideas to get the word out about HLB. He mentioned that the monthly updates from the Grower Liaisons are beneficial and he has gotten positive feedback from the growers that are receiving the updates. Mark mentioned that Nuffer Smith Tucker has been doing a great job.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.