

CPDPC Executive Committee Webinar Meeting

January 10, 2020 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Jim Gorden at 1:09 p.m. on January 10, 2020. There was a quorum of the Executive Committee and the following were in attendance via webinar:

Executive Committee Members Present:

Jim Gorden*

Mark McBroom*

Keith Watkins*

CDFA Staff:

Carl Baum

Victoria Hornbaker

Lea Pereira*

David Gutierrez

Anmol Joshi

ThuyVy Troung

Amelia Hicks

Sara Khalid

Jennifer Willems

Other Attendees:

Price Adams*

Jason Schwartze*

Holly Deniston-Sheets*

*Participated via webinar

Opening Comments

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

Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Division Update

Carl Baum provided an update on Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention (Division) progress, noting that the Division is in the process of interviewing for nine Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisors (SES) positions. This will complete the supervisory and management team for the Division and once the SES's are in place, Pest Detection and Emergency Projects (PDEP) branch will transfer staff supervision to the Division. Staff working on citrus in PDEP have either been transitioned over to the Division or have been reassigned. Carl mentioned that he is working on finding adequate office space for field staff. Victoria Hornbaker stated that staff have been working on reviewing duty statements for Environmental Scientists and Pest Prevention Assistants. Victoria also explained that there will not be a lag in work being completed due to seasonal staff and borrowing staff from PDEP.

Finance Subcommittee Report

a. 2018/2019 Expenditure and Revenue Reports

Victoria updated that there was \$23,000,000 in expenditures noted on the expenditure detail report. She explained that not all expenditures have been reported, which Carl and Ryan Fong will investigate. There has been over \$18,000,000 in revenue, which was higher than projected.

b. 2019/2020 Expenditure and Revenue Reports

Victoria stated that during the Finance Subcommittee meeting the group discussed developing a lag report. Through November, the Division received \$1,400,000 in revenues. The Division has been working under the new coding system that PDEP developed, which allows staff to track hours worked back to each line item. Carl also mentioned that there will be a fund shift from the Agriculture Fund to the General Fund. Victoria answered that the Division's plan is to fully expend the general and federal funds.

Operations Subcommittee Report

Keith Watkins reported that there will be a few items that will be brought to the full committee. One is a treatment protocol for border treatments. The proposal is that calculating the average time of the last three treatments will allow for better timing and coordination of future treatments with residential treatments. Victoria mentioned that this may be difficult to implement due to the lag of receiving pesticide use reports from the most recent previous treatment cycle. Keith also mentioned the difficulty in treating when Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) detections can only be confirmed by accredited lab county entomologist. Victoria suggested to punt this issue to the Huanglongbing Sampling Efficiency working group. There was also discussion about an early detection technology template that was created for future use, as well as a more specific dog team template, and if these documents should be posted online. Keith reviewed the discussion of ACP quarantine areas and if the committee should still be allowing movement into Zone 6 from other areas without using any mitigations. At this point, there is no new recommendation. Lastly, there was a presentation on psyllid detections by Rick Dunn.

Science Subcommittee Report

Victoria stated that the previous science meeting was focused on the Data Analysis Tactical Operations Center's work on analyzing activities in Southern California, and a brief Ethyl Formate update.

Outreach Subcommittee Update

Price Adams updated that the recent quarantine expansions have allowed Nuffer, Smith Tucker (NST) to raise awareness. Keith mentioned that there is concern about reaching smaller growers and getting them on board. Price mentioned that NST will work closely with the grower liaisons to remedy this issue. Victoria stated the upcoming citrus outreach events: GrowRiverside on January 25, UC Riverside Citrus Day on January 29, a nursery meeting in Pomona on January 30, and the World Ag Expo in February where the Division will have a booth.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 pm. The next meeting will be on February 7, 2020.