

Meeting of the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee
Wednesday, November 9, 2011
Kern County Cooperative Extension Office, Bakersfield, CA
Meeting Minutes

CPDPC Attendees

Craig Armstrong, Richard Bennett, Steve Birdsall, Dan Dreyer, Bob Felts, John Gless, Gus Gunderson, Link Leavens, Mark McBroom, George McEwen, James McFarlane, Kevin Olsen, Etienne Rabe, Earl Rutz, Kevin Severns and Brian Specht

Guests

Bob Blakely, Vic Corkins, Louise Fisher, MaryLou Polek, Debby Tanouye, Susan McCarthy, Dan Galbraith, Colleen Murphy, Jose Barcinas, Jill Barnier, Jerrold Turney, Brian Taylor, Jennifer Romero, Robert Walthor, Gavin Iacono, Nancy Holland, Michelle Redstone, Roja Samudrala, Linda Haque, Ernie Webb, Ramon Cardenas

Call to Order

Vice-chair Craig Armstrong called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 a.m.

Roll Call and Introductions

Susan McCarthy conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Vice-Chair Craig Armstrong welcomed guests and thanked Mark McBroom for hosting the lunch for meeting attendees.

Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2011 Meeting

The minutes of the September 14 meeting were approved as corrected.

Budget/Assessment Current Status

Susan McCarthy reviewed the budget and balance sheets, the updated report of assessments, and the record of treatment expenditures by county (attached) with Committee members.

Southern California Operations Update

Debby Tanouye provided an update on ACP finds and residential treatments.

Subcommittee Reports

Outreach Subcommittee: Louise Fisher reviewed expenditures to update for outreach activities and then reported on nursery outreach activities.

Kevin Olsen reported that the Outreach Subcommittee has recommended moving forward with the newsletter.

Transition Subcommittee: Kevin Severns reported that transition subcommittee activities would reconvene.

Science Subcommittee: MaryLou Polek reported on the Denver meeting. Etienne Rabe initiated a discussion on treatment activities in Los Angeles and the outlying areas.

Motion: Utilizing the current levels of equipment and manpower, CDFA should pull the treatment trucks out of Los Angeles if necessary to focus on treating the outlying areas effectively. Upon completion of treating outlying areas, return to treating periphery areas of Los Angeles.

Motion passed (8 ayes, 7 nays)

Committee members noted that CDFA did not expend all of the treatment funds in the previous year and that CDFA has been given direction to ramp up the treatment activities.

Motion: CDFA should have the ability to maintain a presence in Los Angeles, while also treating outliers, even though it means an increase in expenditures for the next few months.

Motion passed (12 ayes, 3 nays)

Report on Mexico ACP/HLB Situation – Jim Cranney

Jim reported on his recent trip to Mexico. He noted that the situation is very bleak in Mexico – that both HLB and ACP are spreading fairly rapidly. The situation in Mexico is exacerbated by lack of resources – both for growers to treat and for survey efforts. By the time HLB is detected, it has almost certainly been present for quite some time.

Other Business

A committee member asked about the current level of HLB testing, and should we be doing more testing or focusing on specific areas?

Susan briefly reviewed the State's travel reimbursement policy with the Committee.

Date and Location for Next Meeting

The next CPDPC meeting will be held in southern California on December 21.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:20.