

Meeting of the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee
Wednesday, December 21, 2011
Ontario, CA
Meeting Minutes

CPDPC Attendees

Craig Armstrong, Richard Bennett, Steve Birdsall, Dan Dreyer, John Gless, Gus Gunderson, Nick Hill, Link Leavens, James McFarlane, Kevin Olsen, Earl Rutz, Kevin Severns and Brian Specht

Guests

Dan Galbraith, Brian Taylor, Carlos Ortiz, Rachel Nilson, John Gardner, Anne Waring, Aviva Goldman, Dave Machlitt, MaryLou Polek, Ted Batkin, Joel Nelsen, Bob Chandler, David Pegos, Linda Haque, Kevin Hoffman, Debby Tanouye, Robert Leavitt, Helene Wright, Tina Galindo, Susan McCarthy, Colleen Murphy, Vic Corkins, Louise Fisher, Jose Barcinas

Call to Order

Chairman Nick Hill called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 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

Chairman Nick Hill welcomed guests and thanked Craig Armstrong for hosting the lunch for meeting attendees.

Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2011 Meeting

The minutes of the November 9, 2011 meeting were approved as read.

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

Tina Galindo provided an update on ACP finds and residential treatments.

Subcommittee Reports

Transition Subcommittee: Kevin Severns reported that a joint CRB/CPDPC Operations Committee has been appointed. The makeup of the Committee is as follows: two members from CRB, two from CPDPC, and four that serve on both committees. Dan Galbraith will be the chair. Susan read the list of nominees:

Earl Rutz, ex officio, CRB

Nick Hill, ex officio, CPDPC

Dan Galbraith, chair, CRB
Link Leavens, vice-chair, CPDPC
Joe Barcinas, CRB
Etienne Rabe, CPDPC/CRB
Jim Gorden, CPDPC/CRB
Kevin Olsen, CPDPC/CRB
Mark McBroom, CPDPC/CRB
Kevin Severns, CPDPC
Dan Dreyer, CPDPC/CRB

Motion: It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to establish a joint Operations Committee consisting of the members listed above.

Science Subcommittee: MaryLou addressed the committee regarding the recommendations from the Science Subcommittee meeting of December 15, 2011. The first major issue discussed was the Tamarixia facility in Rubidoux. The second issue regarded strategies in the heavily infested Los Angeles area.

Motion: It was moved, seconded and approved (one opposed) to accept the Science Subcommittee's recommendations to move forward with the CDFA proposal (attached), subject to possible modifications of the blue line.

Outreach Subcommittee

Kevin Olsen reported that CRB's audit is not yet complete so neither the final 2010/11 figures nor the October-November figures are available. He reported that the CPDPC newsletter had been mailed and that staff had met with citrus nursery representatives regarding including information for consumers on retail citrus nursery stock.

Operations Update

Ted Batkin reported that trapping efforts are ongoing and that a small expansion at the Riverside facility has been completed. He added that the Operations Committee had recommended to the CRB that trapping be instituted along the transportation corridors in Kern County.

Nick Hill postponed CPDPC officer elections until the January meeting. He added that Richard Bennett did not want to seek re-elections but that he and Craig are willing to serve an additional term.

Other Business

Helene Wright reported that a psyllid had been found in a residential area in Green Valley, Arizona, more than 100 miles from the nearest commercial grove.

Ted Batkin reported that hot psyllids continue to be found in Ciudad Obregon, but no positive plants yet. Hot plants have been found around Ciudad Constitucion in Baja Sur.

Report on CHRP Council

Joel Nelsen reported that Australia has accepted the shipping protocol due to the combination of research done through CRB regarding post-harvest handling of fruit and the aggressive trapping program we've instituted.

He reported that CCM will receive a TASC grant to trap areas specific to Australian exports. This will free up some committee money.

Date and Location for Next Meeting

The next CPDPC meeting will be held in Bakersfield on January 18.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:20.