Meeting of the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee Wednesday, September 14, 2011 Doubletree Hotel, Bakersfield, CA Meeting Minutes

CPDPC Attendees

Craig Armstrong, Bob Felts, John Gless, Jim Gorden, Nick Hill, Link Leavens, Mark McBroom, James McFarlane, Kevin Olsen, Etienne Rabe, Earl Rutz, Kevin Severns

Guests

Ted Batkin, Joel Nelson, Vic Corkins, Louise Fisher, MaryLou Polek, Debby Tanouye, Tina Galindo, Beth Stone-Smith, David Pegos, Susan McCarthy, Dan Galbraith, Colleen Murphy

Call to Order

Chairperson Nick Hill called the meeting to order at approximately 10:12 a.m.

Roll Call and Introductions

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

<u>Public Comment</u> No public comments.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chairperson Nick Hill welcomed members and guests, thanked Jim Gorden for providing the morning coffee and California Citrus Mutual for providing lunch.

Approval of Minutes from August 17, 2011 Meeting

The minutes of the August 17, 2011 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.

ACP in Retail Nurseries

Nick Condos, Branch Chief of Pest Exclusion, reported to the Committee regarding the retail nursery inspections in Los Angeles (166 nurseries, two were infested), San Bernardino (35 nurseries) and Orange (66 nurseries, begun 9/13 and to be completed 9/14) counties.

Southern California Operations Update

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

Discussion ensued regarding the importance of a treatment coordinator. Growers who treat would like to know that their neighbors are also treating.

Subcommittee Reports

Transition Subcommittee: Chairman Hill tabled discussion on transition activities to a later date. He has asked Susan to come back to the Committee with an exact description of the legal responsibilities of the CPDPC and the CRB.

Science Subcommittee: Etienne Rabe reported on the Subcommittee's discussion of CDFA's revised trapping program for Northern California.

The Committee also discussed the process of establishing area wide management programs.

Outreach Subcommittee: Louise Fisher reported on 2010/11 projected expenditures in the Outreach Grant (attached). Ted Batkin discussed the proposed 2011/12 Outreach budget (attached).

Kevin Olsen reported that the Subcommittee recommended proceeding with four issues of the CPDPC newsletter/year at a cost of \$3,000/issue.

It was moved and seconded to approve the CRB Outreach proposal at \$964,000, with the proviso that the \$190,000 for nursery outreach be subject to further approval by the Committee. Motion passed.

CRB Report and Operations Proposal for 2011/12 Fiscal Year

Ted Batkin reported on projected expenditures for the Operations grant and presented the CRB Operations proposals for the 2011/12 fiscal year (attached).

It was moved and seconded to approve the CRB Operations proposal at \$2,795,600, with the following provisions:

- Treatment coordinator is removed from the CRB budget
- Additional positions included in the proposal will be filled only upon further consultation with the CPDPC Executive Subcommittee.
- Travel (under administration) be reduced by \$5,000

Motion passed.

CPDPC Budget for 2011/12

There were several questions on the estimated pro rata charge of \$423,000. Susan noted that pro rata is based on the spending authority of the CPDPC (\$15,000,000), not the income.

In response to questions, Debby discussed the proposed expenses for urban treatment program. She expects to spend more in the upcoming year since the treatment program has been ramped up over the previous year.

It was moved, seconded and approved to set the 2011/12 assessment at \$.07 per 40 pound carton equivalent, resulting in expected revenues of \$12,464,700 (based on an estimated crop of 178,100,000 cartons).

It was moved, seconded and approved to set the CPDPC 2011/12 budget at \$16,797,757 (attached).

Date and Location for Next Meeting The next CPDPC meeting will be held in Bakersfield on November 9.

<u>Adjournment</u> The meeting adjourned at 3:20.