

Meeting of the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee  
Wednesday, July 18, 2012  
Visalia Convention Center  
301 E. Acequia  
Visalia, CA  
Meeting Minutes

CPDPC Attendees

Craig Armstrong, Steve Birdsall, Dan Dreyer, Bob Felts, Jr., John Gless, Jim Gorden, Nick Hill, Link Leavens, Mark McBroom, George McEwen, Kevin Olsen, Etienne Rabe, Brian Specht and Earl Rutz

Guests

Nick Porzio, Helene Wright, Leonard Massey, Jill Barnier, Vic Corkins, Alyssa Nichols, Robert Leavitt, Tim Tidwell, Carol Hafner, Larry Hawkins, Melinda Mochel, Mike Hennessy, Erin Styers, Louise Fisher, MaryLou Polek, Joe Barcinas, Art Gilbert, Brian Taylor, Tina Galindo, Debby Tanouye, David Pegos, Ted Batkin, Linda Haque, Tom Mulholland, Judy Stewart-Leslie, Shirley Kirkpatrick

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 there was a quorum.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Approval of Minutes from April 18, 2012 Meeting

The April 18, 2012 minutes were approved as read.

Risk-based Survey for HLB

Dr. Tim Gottwald, Research Leader/Plant Pathology, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Fort Pierce, Florida, presented a risk-based HLB survey model for Southern California residential areas to the Committee.

Report on HLB Investigation

Nick Porzio, USDA Smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance Supervisor, provided an update on the investigation into the positive HLB find in Hacienda Heights.

Committee Members Terms

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Budget and Assessment

Susan McCarthy reviewed current assessments and expenditures.

## Bylaws

The bylaws were approved unanimously.

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## Executive Subcommittee Report

Grower Liaison:

Nick Hill reported on discussions held by the Executive Subcommittee regarding a statewide grower liaison, the responsibilities of the Operations Subcommittee and scheduling future CPDPC meetings.

## Science and Technology Discussion

Green waste movement and packing house protocols:

Melinda Mochel, CDFA Pest Exclusion, addressed the committee on rules governing the movement of green waste and the protocols for packing houses.

## Update on Southern California Treatments

Tina Galindo provided an update on ACP finds and residential treatments. She pointed out that finds in groves have been picking up. Most, but not all, fall within the current treatment areas.

## Riverside County treatments

The committee discussed the increasing ACP infestation in Riverside County and the attendant costs.

It was moved that the Department cease treating in the heavily-infested residential areas and focus treatments 800m around commercial groves for the balance of this fiscal year. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## Mandatory Pesticide Treatments

Susan announced that she had distributed a one-pager to the Committee describing a mandatory pesticide treatment program and an April letter from the Department to organic producers providing the details to them.

## HLB Sampling Strategies

Etienne Rabe announced that Dr. Tim Gottwald would be in Riverside the next week to review the details of his risk-based residential survey plan.

It was moved that the Committee approve \$250,000 to begin the risk-based residential survey. Motion seconded and approved.

## Outreach Discussion

Kevin Olsen reported on ongoing outreach activities.

## CRB Report

Ted Batkin reported on the VOC sampling of trees in Hacienda Heights, Tamarixia releases and small-RNA testing.

It was moved, seconded and approved for CRB to reallocate approximately \$6200 within the Operations budget to cover the costs of student interns at UC Kearney to work on the citrus mapping project.

Date and Location for Next Meeting

The next CPDPC meeting was scheduled for August 8 in Visalia.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30.