

Meeting of the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee
Wednesday, February 29, 2012
Kern County Cooperative Extension Office, Bakersfield, CA
Meeting Minutes

CPDPC Attendees

Craig Armstrong, Richard Bennett, Dan Dreyer, Bob Felts, Jr., John Gless, Jim Gorden, Gus Gunderson, Nick Hill, Link Leavens, Mark McBroom, Earl Rutz, Kevin Severns and Brian Specht

Guests

Dan Galbraith, Brian Taylor, MaryLou Polek, Ted Batkin, Alyssa Nichols, David Pegos, Linda Haque, Kevin Hoffman, Debby Tanouye, Robert Leavitt, Helene Wright, Tina Galindo, Susan McCarthy, Colleen Murphy, Vic Corkins, Jill Barnier, Judy Stewart-Leslie and Louise Fisher

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, including call-in members, a quorum was present.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chairman Nick Hill welcomed guests and thanked James McFarlane for hosting the lunch for meeting attendees and the Kern County Agricultural Commissioner for providing coffee and water.

Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2012 Meeting

The minutes of the January 18, 2012 meeting were approved as read.

Update on Tulare County

Susan McCarthy reviewed the ACP find in Tulare County with the Committee.

Report from CHRP Council

Joel Nelsen reported that he and representatives of Florida Mutual, Texas Citrus Mutual and Sunkist had recently been in Washington, D.C. to ensure the future of the CHRP program. They also met with senior executives at USDA where they were assured that citrus is one of the top priorities.

CDFA's ACP/HLB Response Plan

Dr. Robert Leavitt addressed the Committee on the Department's ACP/HLB response plan which he would be sharing with the grower community at the Citrus Showcase on March 8.

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.

Science and Technology Discussion

Susan reviewed the draft Sentinel Tree plan (attached) for collecting HLB samples. The plan was developed by CDFA scientists in conjunction with Dr. Tim Gottwald of USDA and reviewed by the CPDPC Science Subcommittee.

Operations Discussion

Tina Galindo provided an update on ongoing treatments in Southern California. She also reported that CDFA has been identifying sites for releasing Tamarixia and have identified 28 sites so far.

Outreach Discussion

Kevin Olsen reported that activities on public outreach should be picking up. He added that the Committee would have a booth at the Showcase on March 8.

CRB Report

Ted provided an update on the Tamarixia program.

Bagley-Keene Requirements for Meeting via Teleconference or WebEx

Susan reviewed the Bagley-Keene requirements for Committee members wishing to participate via teleconference or WebEx:

Other Business

Robert Leavitt introduced Tim Tidwell, the new primary state plant pathologist, to the Committee. Ted Batkin asked that the minutes reflect the fine work that Kathy Kostas had provided over the years and also welcome Tim Tidwell on board.

Date and Location for Next Meeting

The next CPDPC meeting was scheduled for Bakersfield on March 23.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30.