

**CALIFORNIA CITRUS PEST AND DISEASE PREVENTION PROGRAM
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 9, 2013

Opening:

Chairman Nick Hill called the October 9, 2013 California Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee (CPDPC) conference call meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

CPDPC Members Present:

Craig Armstrong*	Jim Gorden*	James McFarlane*
Richard Bennett *	Gus Gunderson*	Kevin Olsen*
Steve Birdsall*	Nick Hill*	Etienne Rabe*
Dan Dreyer*	Mark McBroom*	Kevin Severns*
John Gless*	George McEwen*	

CPDPC Members Absent:

Bob Felts Jr.	George McEwen	Earl Rutz
Link Leavens	Brian Specht	

CDFA Staff:

Cong Chan	Craig Hanes
Jason Chan	Victoria Hornbaker
Nick Condos	Debby Tanouye

Guests:

Beth Grafton-Cardwell*	Mike Wootten*
Joel Nelsen*	Judy Zaninovich*

*** Participated via telephone**

Opening Comments:

Chairman, Nick Hill, welcomed the Committee, staff, and members of the public participating in person and online. Chairman Hill acknowledged that there was a quorum.

Update on Central Valley Finds and Funding

Victoria Hornbaker, Jason Chan and Debby Tanouye discussed the recent finds in the Central Valley and the necessary activities that are required to respond to the finds.

a. CHRP Funding

Debby Tanouye explained that this funding source comes from a contract between CDFA and USDA that normally starts on October 1st and ends September 30th. This year prior to the contract being finalized, the federal government failed to agree on a budget and was shutdown; therefore no money has been received for work that is normally charged to the contract.

Furthermore, CDFA was warned by the USDA that activities conducted during the shutdown period may not be retroactively reimbursable. Victoria stated that in light of the discussion with USDA, CDFA has decided to take a very conservative path forward, engaging in only “essential” functions. These functions include responding to new finds with delimitation trapping and visual surveys, quarantine response and laboratory diagnostics. Several Committee members stated that they had heard that the USDA has guaranteed to retroactively reimburse the Program for expenditures during the shutdown. CDFA staff acknowledged what the Committee has been told, but reiterated that at this time, being cautious is the prudent path forward. Victoria directed the Committees attention to the budget sheet titled “ACP – Central Valley” this budget displays the projected expenditures for the month of October, if CDFA only conducts essential functions. The total amount required is \$398,869. The Executive Subcommittee has already approved \$100,000 in expenditures, which leaves a balance of \$298,869. Victoria asked the Committee if they would support the essential activities for the month of October. The Committee supported the suggestion and agreed to fund the essential activities.

Motion: That the Committee provide an additional \$289,869 in funding, above the \$100,000 already provided by the Executive Committee on October 1, 2013 to maintain the essential functions of trapping, survey, quarantine response and laboratory diagnostics in the Central Valley during the Federal Government shut down for the period of October 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013.

First: John Gless

Second: Steve Birdsall

Motion Passes: All in favor

b. 2012/2013 CPDPC Assessment/CHRP Budgets

Victoria, Jason and Debby discussed the 2012/2013 budgets for both the Assessment and CHRP budgets. The Assessment budget through August 31, 2013 has expenditures in the amount of \$11,558,249 and including projections for September 2013 in the amount of \$1,274,706 totals \$12,832,955 and will be under spent by \$1,491,996.

The CHRP budget through August 31, 2013 has expenditures in the amount of \$10,191,926 and including projections for September 2013 in the amount of \$1,583,128 totals \$11,775,054 and will be over spent by \$1,593,037. The Committee stated there concern over the large deficit in the CHRP budget. Debby explained that a work plan and budget in the amount of \$527,000 was provided to USDA for the response work in Dinuba and Wasco, but CDFA only received \$67,000. CDFA will look into this to see in any additional funds will be forthcoming. The Committee asked for a timeline for CHRP funding and expenditures, so they can get a better understanding of the present situation.

Other Business

Victoria stated that she had several issues to cover with the Committee.

a. ACP Free Performance Standard for Bulk Citrus – Southern California

Victoria and Nick Condos discussed the working draft “California Spray and Move” that was provided to the Committee. The document follows the protocols established by USDA. The

Committee unanimously supported the Secretary using her executive authority to implement the statewide use of the Asian citrus psyllid free bulk citrus movement performance standard as presented in the working draft. Victoria stated that she would work with CDFA Regulatory and Pest Exclusion Staff to implement the changes in a timely manner.

b. Central Valley PCA/Grower Field Trip

Victoria discussed an idea that Grower Liaisons developed at the Liaison meeting on October 1st. The Grower Liaisons felt that it would be beneficial to the Program to host a “Field Trip” for PCA’s and Growers from the Central Valley to visit several sites in Riverside or San Bernardino to get a firsthand look at psyllid infested trees and to learn about biocontrol. The Committee felt that this would be very beneficial and they suggested that the Liaisons work with Citrus Mutual and Citrus Research Board to try and facilitate the field trip.

c. Scheduling Subcommittee Meetings

Victoria asked the Committee to consider scheduling the Operations and Finance Subcommittee meetings in either the end of October or the beginning of November. Chairman Hill agreed that the Subcommittee Chairs should consider scheduling meetings soon. Kevin Olsen stated that the Outreach Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for November 7th at 1:30 PM and one of the other Subcommittees could schedule their meeting for that morning.

d. Next Meeting - November 13th in Ventura

Victoria reminded the Committee that the next meeting is scheduled for November 13th.

e. Laptop Purchase for Webinars

Victoria discussed the September 26th Webinar and the multiple times that the computer equipment failed. The Committee acknowledged the issues with the webinar and expressed their frustration of being on the receiving end of the technical difficulties when they had called into meetings. Victoria asked the Committee to replace the old laptops with two new more reliable laptops for \$3,497.01. The Committee was very supportive of the idea and made the following motion.

Motion: Approve the purchase of two replacement lap tops to be used for the CPDPC webinars, in the amount of \$3,497.01

First: Kevin Olsen

Second: Craig Armstrong

Motion Passes: All in favor.

Chairman Hill thanked the meeting participants and adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.