

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

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 25, 2013

Opening:

The special meeting of the California Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee (CPDPC) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on July 25, 2013 in Visalia, California by Committee Chair Nick Hill.

CPDPC Members Present:

Richard Bennett	Gus Gunderson*	Kevin Olsen
Dan Dreyer	Nick Hill	Kevin Severns*
John Gless*	George McEwen	Brian Specht*
Jim Gorden	James McFarlane*	

CPDPC Members Absent:

Craig Armstrong	Bob Felts Jr	Mark McBroom
Steve Birdsall	Link Leavens	Etienne Rabe

Guests:

Bob Atkins*	Victoria Hornbaker	Sylvie Robillard
Bret Chandler*	Shirley Kirkpatrick*	Bob Wagner
Rick Cupper*	John Krist*	Scosha Wright
Tim Day*	Robert Leavitt*	Bob Wynn
Craig Hanes	Leonard Massey	Judy Zaninovich*
John Hooper*	Joel Nelsen	

*** Participated via telephone****Opening Comments:**

Chairman, Nick Hill, welcomed the Committee, staff, and members of the public participating in person and online.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

TULARE COUNTY UPDATE

Victoria Hornbaker went over a map of Tulare County with the Committee that showed the new ACP detections. The map also showed the one mile core buffer, and the eight mile delimitation buffer that CDFA has put into place. (Handouts A & B) Traps were serviced daily in the one mile core for one week and are now being serviced weekly. Traps in the eight mile buffer were being serviced every other day and are now being serviced every two weeks. Staff conducted a visual survey in the 800 meter eradication zone around each find site. CDFA staff have also been conducting an extensive visual survey in urban Porterville, surveying 50 – 75 trees per square mile. There have been no additional finds since the initial ACP detection.

Regulatory staff have been working with retail nurseries and packing houses to issue hold notices and compliance agreements. The second map (Handout B) showed the 800 meter eradication zones and the maximum program boundary (which should not be confused with the quarantine area). The eradication zone includes both urban and commercial citrus. Urban treatments will be conducted on residences that fall within the 800 meter eradication zones, but treatment will not begin until the week of July 29th. CDFA recommended a five mile quarantine, based on available science and is waiting for concurrence from the USDA. The Committee requested a conference call be set up when CDFA hears back from USDA in regards to the quarantine. Richard Bennett mentioned that staff should be cautious with treatments in the sensitive environmental areas due to small animals that could potentially be hurt by the pesticides and the Committee agreed with Richard's comment.

There is a public grower meeting on July 29, 2013 which is targeted to residents within the 800 meter eradication zone. The purpose of this meeting is to inform affected residents about the upcoming activity in their neighborhood, and to address special concerns or questions residents might have.

ACTION ITEM: POSSIBLE BUDGET AMENDMENT

1. Victoria Hornbaker went over the budget with the Committee. (Handout C). She explained that CDFA needs authority from the Committee to spend reserve funds for the Tulare response. The Committee asked if funds being used for treatments in other areas can be shifted to fund the Tulare treatments. Monthly expenditures have gone down some due to some pull back in San Diego; however treatment expenses are still coming in. The Committee asked about the 1.5 million placeholder in the budget, and if that could be used for treatment in Tulare instead of amending the budget. Robert Leavitt agreed. Victoria and Bob Wynn suggested that CDFA use \$200,000 of internal funds and \$242,000 of the placeholder line item funds from the budget for regulatory, survey and treatment activities in Tulare.

Motion: CDFA use \$200,000 of internal funds and \$242,000 of the placeholder line item funds from the CPDPC budget for regulatory, survey and treatment activities in Tulare.

First: Jim Gorden

Second: Dan Dreyer

Motion Passes: All in favor

OTHER BUSINESS:

Craig Hanes gave an update on the CASS contract. It has been vetted through CDFA and is now with the Department of General Services (DGS). DGS has a maximum of 10 working days to review the contract.

The Outreach request for proposal (RFP) was posted on BidSync on July 16, 2013, with a 10 day posting. A maximum amount of \$750,000 for the bid was set by the Outreach Subcommittee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2013 in Ontario, California.