

CPDPC Executive Committee Conference Call

June 24, 2013 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Nick Hill at 1:00 a.m. on June 24, 2013. The following were in attendance:

Committee Members

Craig Armstrong*

Nick Hill*

Kevin Severns*

Other Attendees

Craig Hanes

Victoria Hornbaker

Robert Leavitt

Jason Leathers

Joel Nelsen*

Debby Tanouye

Bob Wynn

*Participated via telephone

Science Advisory Panel Update

Jason Leathers gave an update on the progress with the Science Advisory Panel (SAP). He stated that there is an informational webinar scheduled for July 2nd to give the SAP background information and current status updates on the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) and Huanglongbing (HLB) in California. The information that will be shared during the webinar will prepare the SAP to answer the questions that they have been provided.

Kevin Severns asked Jason what the time frame will be to receive answers to the questions. Jason responded that it might be two weeks to a month before the SAP could convene to discuss and form consensus answers to the questions. Joel Nelsen and Bob Wynn both expressed their concern that the questions should be answered ASAP, they would prefer answers to the questions at the meeting on July 2nd, or by the Committee meeting in August. Joel said expediting the SAP process would work better for industry and questioned if there is really have the time to wait.

Nick Hill asked if the SAP can be front loaded with the questions, so they can begin formulating answers right away. Craig Armstrong suggested prioritizing the questions to get the answers we need to take action on now. Victoria asked Jason and Nick Condos if the SAP could be given a priority question to start work on prior to the July 2nd meeting. They agreed that this could be done. Victoria will work with the Executive Committee to provide Jason and Nick the priority question for the SAP meeting on July 2nd.

Statewide and Regional Grower Liaison/Treatment Coordinators

Craig Hanes provided an update on the status of the CASS contract for the Statewide and Regional Grower Liaisons. He provided a copy of the scope of work and the budget for review. He reported that the contract will have a two year term and include the Statewide Coordinator

and Grower Liaisons for Tulare, Fresno, Kern, Riverside, Ventura, San Bernardino, and Santa Barbara/San Luis Obispo.

Joel asked if the CASS contract is ready to go and Craig responded that it can take some time to get the contract in place as it must go to the Department of General Services for review due to the monetary amount of the contract. Victoria stated that she was given permission to expedite the contract through the system, but even with expediting the contract, it is doubtful that it will be in place in a month. The Committee can start looking at candidates, but should hold off on interviews until the contract is further along in the process.

Financial Update

Robert Leavitt provided an update on the Citrus Health Response Plan (CHRP) funding that California receives from USDA to conduct ACP and HLB survey work. He stated that thanks to Joel's hard work with USDA, the CHRP funding will be made whole. Robert provided a breakdown:

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| CHRP Funding after the 7.8 percent sequestration | 9.60 million |
| Enhanced Survey | 0.49 million |
| Citrus Commodity Survey | 0.44 million |
| Total | 10.53 million |

The program is considering requesting emergency funding for the root sample work as it was unanticipated and not included in the budget.

Treatment and Survey Update

Debby Tanouye provided an update of the current treatment activities. She stated that treatment is complete in Ventura and Imperial Counties. Treatments continue in North San Diego and San Ysidro and they are wrapping up in the Coachella Valley in Riverside County.

She stated that the HLB survey is ongoing. She went out with the survey team to see if there was a way to streamline the survey process and create efficiencies that will save time and money. Debby will present survey efficiencies at the July 3rd Operations Subcommittee meeting.

Other Business

a. 2013-2014 Budget Projections

Victoria reminded the Executive Committee that they need to work on preparing a budget for the next fiscal year and that the budget need to be finalized prior to October 1st. Joel mentioned that the crop projections will not be available until September, but he provided a general projection; lemons and Valencias will be down 10 percent, mandarins will be up 10 percent and Navels will produce about 80 million tons, but he reminded everyone that these are gross figures. Joel felt that the Committee should wait until the actual projections come in and approve a budget in September.

b. New Agenda Format

Victoria presented a draft agenda for the August 14th meeting that is formatted differently from previous agendas, the new agenda will be organized to allow each Subcommittee

Chair an opportunity to review the decisions made at the subcommittee level. She recommended this format to improve the flow of the Committee meetings, by preventing the need to present everything that was already presented at subcommittee meetings. The Executive Committee supported moving ahead with the revised agenda format.