

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

Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 24, 2014

**Opening:**

The meeting of the California Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee (CPDPC) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on November 24, 2014 via conference call by Committee Chairman Nick Hill.

**CPDPC Members Present:**

Craig Armstrong*	Link Leavens*	Kevin Olsen*
Richard Bennett*	Scott Mabs*	Kevin Severns*
Gus Gunderson*	Mark McBroom*	
Nick Hill*	James McFarlane*	

**CPDPC Members Absent:**

Bob Felts, Jr.	Jim Gorden	Etienne Rabe
John Gless	George McEwen	Brian Specht

**CDFA Staff:**

Stephen Brown	Victoria Hornbaker	Debby Tanouye
Jason Chan	Susan McCarthy	Scosha Wright
Nick Condos	Duane Schnabel	

**Guests:**

Mary Lou Polek\*

**\* Participated via telephone**

**Opening Comments:**

Chairman, Nick Hill, welcomed the Committee, staff, and members of the public participating on the phone and stated there is a quorum for the meeting.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA/BAY AREA TRAPPING EXTENSION**

Victoria reviewed the costs of the winter ACP trapping for Northern California and the Bay Area. The total cost for the 12 counties for the period of November 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015 is \$311,092.53. Marin, Solano and Yolo counties did not respond to the request for trapping budgets, but CDFA will trap those counties at a minimal expense, approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000 per county. There was concern from the Committee about the cost differences between

the counties. Debby stated that most counties normally lay off temporary help in the winter; therefore permanent staff are doing most of the work which increases costs. There was a suggestion to postpone trapping until February 2015 since ACP infestations decrease in the winter due to colder weather, but the consensus was that this is a good opportunity to remain vigilant and eradicate insipient infestations. There was a question in regards to ACP finds in the central valley previously from the months of October to January and it was stated that psyllids can potentially move around in those months, looking for new flush and find the yellow panel traps. Debby stated that CDFA will prepare a plan for trapping in Northern California and present it to the Operations Subcommittee and the CPDPC meeting in January. CDFA staff is also looking at ways to save funds, discussing bi-weekly or monthly servicing for traps. Glassy-winged sharpshooter (GWSS) traps will be out again in March of 2015, these traps are placed and serviced by the GWSS program and are all screened for ACP.

**Motion:** To extend trapping in Northern California and the Bay Area for the period of November 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015 and to increase the budget by \$311,092.53 to cover the trapping costs.

First: Kevin Severns

Second: Gus Gunderson

Motion Passes: 8 yays and 2 nays

### **CRB LABORATORY ISSUES**

The CRB has lost USDA accreditation and is no longer authorized to handle regulatory samples therefore CDFA will no longer be sending samples to CRB for processing. The CDFA lab will conduct all HLB diagnostics at a cost of \$16.08 per sample. The risk-based survey will start soon therefore more samples will be coming into the CDFA lab. MaryLou Polek with CRB stated that the CRB lab has been processing samples for growers and universities and they can continue to do this work, but not regulatory samples from CDFA. The CRB is meeting in January to decide what they are going to do moving forward and will let the industry and CDFA know the outcome after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am. The next meeting will be held in Exeter, California on February 4, 2015 at 10:00am.