

CPDPC Executive Committee Webinar

October 30, 2015 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Nick Hill at 10:05 a.m. on October 30, 2015. The following were in attendance:

Committee Members

Craig Armstrong*
Jim Gorden*
Nick Hill*
James McFarlane*
Kevin Severns*

CDFa Staff

Nick Condos
Tina Galindo*
Art Gilbert*
Victoria Hornbaker
Debby Tanouye
Scosha Wright

Other Attendees

CC Callison*
Debbie Trupe*

*Participated via webinar

Review Recent ACP Finds in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Kern and Discuss Response Activities.

The Executive Committee was presented with a series of maps showing the number of ACP finds in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Kern Counties. The maps for Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo detailed the number and distribution of finds since September 1st. The Kern County Map included finds prior to and after October 1st.

Santa Barbara

Victoria discussed the option to transition Santa Barbara to area-wide ACP management, noting that the Ag Commissioner and the Grower Liaison had both been consulted prior to the meeting. Tina noted that there has been 44 ACP detected in Santa Barbara in 2015 with 19 sites currently pending action. If the transition to area-wide is acceptable, treatments would be coordinated 2 times a year with growers as long as participation at a rate of 75 percent of acreage is achieved (like in the other areas, the initial CDFa 400 meter buffer treatments will be done without waiting to verify treatments, but subsequent treatments will depend on grower participation at the rate of 75 percent of acreage being treated within 2 weeks of each other). The CDFa will cease responding to finds in the county and only participate in the area-wide buffer treatments around commercial citrus. It was noted that biocontrol releases will continue in the county. The Executive Committee was comfortable with transitioning Santa Barbara to areawide and requested that the CDFa begin following the areawide protocol in Santa Barbara, noting that the issue would be brought before the full Committee on November 18, 2015. There was discussion about projected participation of Santa Barbara growers in the areawide treatment protocol and Victoria noted that Santa Barbara Grower Liaison Cressida Silvers has already started preparing local growers for the transition. She also is assisting with areawide activities in Ventura, so she is definitely qualified to help the Santa Barbara transition.

San Luis Obispo

It was reported that there have been multiple finds in San Luis Obispo (SLO) County since September 2015, including finds in Nipomo, Arroyo Grande and Cayucos most recently. The response in SLO requires 800 meter visual survey and 800 meter treatment. There have been a lot of ongoing activities in SLO and a great deal of resources are being used to protect just over 1500 commercial citrus acres. The Executive Committee requested that CDFa staff discuss transitioning to areawide treatments with the County Ag Commissioner to get a feel for how that might work in SLO County.

Kern

It was reported that there have been 41 ACP finds in Kern/Bakersfield in October and CDFa doesn't have enough resources/staff to respond in a timely manner. At the current rate of finds it may take up to 2-3 months to complete the treatments and in many cases, the treatment crew will overtake the visual survey crews. Most of the finds have been single adults in traps or collected during tap sampling, but one property had a few nymphs. Art recommended squaring off Bakersfield and adding approximately another 20 square miles of delimitation traps which would bring the total trapped area to about 100 square miles. In looking at the wind directions, it was determined that the best course of action is to start on the outside finds and work in toward the core area in the city of Bakersfield.

Tina stated that the Riverside areawide is almost complete and then the trucks and staff will be diverted to Kern, but she wanted to make sure that everyone understands that weekend work and travel for the employees is expensive. The CDFA is ready to hit the area with everything we can and is working with pesticide applicator contractor in the area to bring in additional trucks if available.

It was reported that Judy Zaninovich has been talking with growers about treatment in Arvin and Bakersfield areas and that all impacted growers have either treated or have agreed to treat.

The consensus of the Executive Committee is to treat the area as quickly as possible with all available resources to stop any further expansion.

Meeting Summary

To summarize the outcome of the meeting; the Executive Committee is okay with transitioning Santa Barbara to areawide treatments. They would like CDFA staff to discuss transitioning to areawide treatments with the County Ag Commissioner. In Kern County the Executive Committee was okay with CDFA suspending extensive visual survey in favor of treatment as quickly as possible, focusing on the core and completing treatment from the outside toward the core, with all available resources as quickly as possible.

Art is in the process of developing a revised ACP response plan for Central Valley and he will provide a written proposal for the full Committee to review prior to the November 18th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.