

CALIFORNIA CITRUS PEST AND DISEASE PREVENTION PROGRAM INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 19, 2016

Opening:

The interim webinar meeting of the California Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee (CPDPC) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 19, 2016 in Sacramento, California by Committee Chairman Nick Hill.

CPDPC Members Present:

Franco Bernardi*	Nick Hill*	Etienne Rabe*
Richard Bennett*	Link Leavens*	Kevin Severns*
John Gless*	Mark McBroom*	Brian Specht*
Jim Gorden*	James McFarlane*	
Gus Gunderson*	Kevin Olsen*	

CPDPC Members Absent:

Craig Armstrong	Scott Mabs	George McEwen
Bob Felts, Jr		

CDFA Staff:

Stephen Brown*	Keith Okasaki*	Bob Wynn*
Nick Condos*	Jay Van Rein*	
Victoria Hornbaker*	Scosha Wright*	

Guests:

Alden Broome*	Cynthia LeVesque*	Teresa Siles*
John Elliott*	Jim Marderosian*	Cressida Silvers*
Brett Kirkpatrick*	Glenn Miller*	Carla Thomas*
Melinda Klein*	Neil McRoberts*	Kim Wilenius*
John Konda*	Curtis Pate*	Helene Wright*
Ellen Kragh*	Sylvie Robillard*	Sandra Zwaal*
John Krist*	Gary Schulz*	
Elise Larsen*	Marty Settevendemie	

* Participated via Webinar

Opening Comments:

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

Draft Crop Projections

A draft crop projection for the 2016/2017 fiscal year was presented to the Committee. The draft is based on the National Agricultural Statistical Services (NASS) Pacific Region Fruit and Nut Review Dated August 10, 2016. The estimate includes:

- 88,000,000 cartons of navels
- 43,600,000 cartons of lemons
- 43,600,000 cartons of mandarins
- 21,000,000 cartons of Valencias
- 7,800,000 cartons of grapefruit

The total projected production for 2016/2017 is 204,000,000 cartons of citrus. At \$0.09 cents per carton the total projected revenue would be \$18,360,000. It was noted that this estimate may be revised after more information is received. Raising the assessment cap is still working its way through the legislature for approval.

Committee Member Term Renewals

There Are 5 Committee Members whose terms are up as of September 30, 2016, including Craig Armstrong, Etienne Rabe, Bob Felts, Jr., Nick Hill and Kevin Olsen. All 5 Committee Members have expressed their desire to continue serving on the Committee for another term. The renewal will be included in the Consent Agenda at the September 14, 2016 Committee Meeting in Riverside, California. It was suggested that the term expiration for each Committee Member should be added to the CDFA webpage.

Regional Quarantine

Victoria presented the document that was put together regarding the proposed regulation changes and response to comments from the Scoping meetings that were held in July. A total of 84 oral and written comments on the proposed regulation changes for citrus nursery stock and citrus commodities were submitted with some crossover between the two regulated entities. CDFA is suggesting the following changes to the regulatory quarantine concept proposal:

1. In the Southern Region: The entire counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura.
2. In the Northern /Central Region: The entire counties of Alameda, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Stanislaus and Tulare.
3. Regions not under quarantine: The entire counties of Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba.

Victoria discussed the new proposed section for citrus nursery stock and the new proposed section for HLB. This document has been posted on CDFA's website and it was suggested by the Committee to have page numbers on extensive documents like these in the future to avoid confusion when referring to a certain page. Chairman Nick Hill suggested that the Committee comprehensively review the document so that a decision can be made at the CPDPC meeting on September 14, 2016.

Victoria presented a topographical map of California which shows a large area with an elevation of 2,300 feet or higher in which ACP do not naturally occur. Nick suggested that the Committee spend some funding on enforcement to inspect packing houses in the central valley and to coordinate with the county agricultural commissioners to inspect tarped loads. It was also suggested to spend some funding on the highway patrol officers so that they can send trucks around if they are not tarped correctly.

Non-Regulatory Diagnostic Permit for Private Laboratories

The non-regulatory diagnostic permit conditionals are complete. CDFA staff is currently developing a pre-permitting site inspection checklist so that staff can ensure that the private labs have the correct equipment and flow process to begin receiving and processing samples. The inspection checklist should be complete within the next week or so. The Central California Tristeza Eradication Agency has expressed interest in testing samples and will likely be the first private lab on board. Only plant samples will be tested at this time however CDFA is working to get a protocol in place so that ACP samples can be tested by the private labs as well.

Carla Thomas with the University of California Davis and USDA announced that the National Plant Diagnostic Network has 4 labs in the Eastern United States that are NPPLAP approved and have offered to help with grower samples if additional support is needed outside of California.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30a.m. The next meeting will be held in Riverside, California on September 14, 2016 at 10:00am.