

## CPDPC Executive Committee Webinar

### June 22, 2016 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Nick Hill at 10:13 a.m. on June 22, 2016. The following were in attendance:

#### Executive Committee Members

Nick Hill\*  
Kevin Severns\*

#### CDFA Staff

Stephen Brown\*  
Victoria Hornbaker\*  
Courtney Owens\*  
Laura Petro\*  
Scosha Wright\*  
Bob Wynn\*

#### Other Attendees

Gavin Poole\*  
Karen Overstreet\*  
Sandra Zwaal\*

\*Participated via webinar

#### Opening Comments

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

#### Public Comment

None

#### New ACP Finds

Victoria Hornbaker discussed the most recent ACP finds in the Central Valley, which included the first ACP detection on Merced County (City of Merced), a new find in Stanislaus County (Modesto), and a find in Fresno County (Parlier). She reminded the Committee that several of the new finds will trigger the revised response plan, which includes no treatment for single finds that are not within 1.5 miles of commercial citrus or other ACP finds. She also talked about the new find in Monterey County in the Salinas area. This find was 2 ACP in one trap and will trigger a 400 meter survey and treatment response.

#### Discuss Private Lab Guidance Document

Victoria discussed the progress on CDFA developing a permitting process for private labs to apply for a permit to conduct non-regulatory diagnostics on grower service samples on plant samples. Victoria noted that Laura Petro and her staff, including Courtney Owens have been actively working on developing the guidance documents. They have worked with USDA and the CDFA lab to insure that the permit will require that labs follow the USDA work plan for real-time PCR. The goal is to keep the processes used consistent with the processes that the CDFA lab uses to aid in the ability for CDFA to recreate results.

Victoria explained that the plan is to add additional options after the plant sample permit is completed, including insect samples and early detection technologies.

Nick asked if many labs had been asking to apply for a permit to conduct this type of analysis. Victoria explained that there have been several inquiries, notable the Citrus Tristezia Agency. The Agency has ordered and received the PCR equipment and is hopeful that they will begin calibration in July and running limited samples in August.

#### Revised Abandoned Grove Protocol

Victoria presented a revised abandoned grove guidance document. The revisions were based on input from the County Ag Commissioners and CDFA leadership. The document is intended to provide guidance to the Grower Liaisons and Program on involvement with abandoned groves. It will be supportive of the abatement process and will be used to educate growers on the importance of grove management. Victoria asked if the Committee was

comfortable with the document being recirculated to the County Ag Commissioners for review and comment. The Committee approved sending the document to the County Ag Commissioners for review.

### **Biocontrol Release Strategy**

Victoria stated that Jim Gorden was unable to attend the meeting. There was a Biocontrol Taskforce Meeting held on June 16. Victoria noted that the release strategy that was not approved at the May meeting did not get revised at the meeting on June 16. She and Bob Atkins discussed biocontrol releases in Kern County with Dr's Morgan and Hoddle and there was agreement that experimental releases should be conducted In Kern County. This will be further discussed at the July CPDPC meeting.

### **Review of the HLB Detector Dog Visit**

Victoria explained that the Detector Dogs visited California on the week on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The dogs visited Los Angeles (Hacienda Heights and San Gabriel), Kern (Bakersfield and Maricopa) and San Bernardino (Redlands/Mentone) Counties. The dogs alerted on multiple locations and every tree that the dogs alerted on was sampled and qPCR was conducted by CDF and USDA labs. All results were negative except on tree in San Gabriel. The tree was removed on June 18.

Gavin Poole, USDA Research Scientist with the Dog Team project provided information regarding the possibility that the dogs would be visiting California in the future and he also discussed the chance that the company that owns the dogs may be interested in starting a service in California in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.