

## Emergency CPDPC Executive Committee Meeting

### September 29, 2016 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Nick Hill at 10:38 a.m. on September 29, 2016. The following were in attendance:

#### Executive Committee Members

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

#### CDFa Staff

Nick Condos  
Victoria Hornbaker  
Colleen Murphy\*  
Bob Wynn

#### Other Attendees

Rick Dunn  
Gus Gunderson\*  
Melinda Klein\*  
John Krist\*  
Joel Nelsen  
Gary Schultz  
Cressida Silvers\*  
Carla Thomas\*

\*Participated via webinar

#### Discuss September 14, 2016 CPDPC Recommendations

##### Background

Victoria Hornbaker read the September 14, 2016 Committee Motions as they were presented to the Secretary on September 23, 2016. Motions 1, 5, 6 and 7 were acceptable as presented, however CDFa needed clarification on Motions 2, 3 and 4. Motion 2 was to recommend budgeting for an operational manager at \$150,000 annually including expenses. It was noted that hiring would be subject to the approval of the Committee. Motion 2 was approved, but required clarification. Motion 3 recommended holding a CPDPC meeting on October 20, 2016 to discuss the regional quarantine and mitigations and Motion 4 recommended adopting the regional quarantine map as presented with tarping for all bulk citrus loads regardless of destination and moving forward with tightened enforcement activities including using CHP, county staff and rural community law enforcement. Motions 3 and 4 were not approved as presented, but were referred back to the Committee for further clarification and development.

##### Review Motion 2

Motion 2 was discussed to clarify that the Committee understands that the operational manager would need to be a CDFa employ per the Government Code. CDFa is already working on securing 2 positions for the program and will put together duty statements that will be shared with the Executive Committee to flesh out and finalize the duty statement. The Executive Committee will participate in the process and can appoint a representative to sit in on the hiring process. The Executive Committee was in agreement with the clarifications and the path forward.

##### Review Motions 3 and 4

Motions 3 and 4 contradict each other, Motion 3 states that the meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> would be to discuss the regional quarantine and mitigations, but Motion 4 recommended adopting the quarantine map. Furthermore, Motion 4 is incomplete; it does not have any mitigations for the movement of bulk citrus between regions and if approved as presented could potentially facilitate movement of ACP between regions. The group discussed the map that was presented on September 14<sup>th</sup>, noting that there is an intention to review the map at the meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> to refine the map based on the best available science to be as protective as possible of the areas that have low to no ACP detections. The group agreed that based on the original intent of the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting the recommendation to adopt the map should not be approved under Motion 4, but request that the Secretary approve the recommendations for tarping and tightened enforcement.

##### Discussion on Mapping

The Executive Committee discussed the map that was presented at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, noting that it was loosely based on a briefing paper from Dr. Neil McRoberts and Dr. Beth Grafton-Cardwell. The intention is to utilize natural geographic barriers that prevent natural ACP distribution from one area to another and also it takes into account the risk that HLB might be in an area (based on Dr. Tim Gottwald and Dr. David Bartels risk models). The Committee noted on September 14<sup>th</sup> that there might be a need to amend the map to better align areas in

Southern California and to divide the Central Valley. Nick Hill noted that the CDFA could use the map as a starting point for discussions with the County Commissioners so they will be ready to move ahead with the program.

#### Discussion on Tarping

Nick Condos noted that the CDFA can move forward with amending the bulk citrus transportation permits to require tarping for bulk loads moving out of a quarantine area. This would not include movement within a contiguous quarantine. The Executive Committee stated that they wanted all loads moving from the grove to packinghouse regardless of quarantine areas to be tarped. CDFA stated that they would have to handle this through a regulatory change. The group was desirous of enforcing the standard for tarp material and placement.

#### Discussion on Enforcement

Bob Wynn stated the CDFA understands the Committees request to tighten enforcement. The citrus program has met with Peirce's Disease Control Program staff to discuss their activities to see where the citrus program can implement similar activities. The CDFA has had an initial discussion with the County Commissioners and will develop a recommendation for enforcement at origin and destination.

#### Meeting Summary

To summarize the outcome of the meeting; the Executive Committee agreed that CDFA in collaboration with the Executive Committee would develop a duty statement and move forward with hiring CDFA staff to fill the need of operational manager. They also requested that the Secretary approve Motion 3 and the portion of Motion 4 that includes tarping and tightened enforcement. The map portion of Motion 4 will be reviewed at the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Executive Committee wants to move forward with mandatory tarping, noting that it will be done in a number of steps:

- a. CDFA will amend the transporter permits to require tarping of all bulk loads moving out of a quarantine to pack.
- b. CDFA will initiate a regulatory package to require tarping of all loads regardless of quarantine or destination.

The Executive Committee also requested that CDFA continue to move forward with tightened enforcement activities at origin and destination, utilizing the expertise of both CDFA and the County Commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.