

CPDPC Budget Task Force Meeting

March 6, 2017 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by James McFarlane at 1:00 p.m. on Monday March 6, 2017. The following were in attendance:

Budget Task Force Members

Craig Armstrong*
Nick Condos*
Gus Gunderson*

James McFarlane*
Kevin Olsen*

Keith Watkins*
Bob Wynn*

Other Attendees*

Stephen Brown*
Jason Chan*
Sara Garcia Figuera*

Victoria Hornbaker*
Alyssa Houtby*
Jason Leathers*

Paul Martinez*
Neil McRoberts*
Sandy Olkowski*

*Participated via webinar

James McFarlane welcomed the Task Force members and attendees to the meeting and asked if the Task Force Members received a document that he had sent over the weekend. It was noted the Kevin Olsen did not receive the email and that James was forwarding to Kevin's correct email address.

Committee's Request for Science Advisory Panel Consultation

James prepared a list of concerns about the current program and the desire to determine if the program is making good science based approaches and getting a good return on investment. The document focuses on trapping, treatment, survey and biocontrol. There was consensus from the group that the document that James prepared is a good starting point. Victoria recommended that the document should be forwarded to Dr. Leathers, as he is the liaison to the Science Advisory Panel. Nick Condos mentioned that the information is all there, but that the questions need to be written to answer scientific questions. Keith Watkins noted that they Task Force is looking for direction on some of the proposed changes to the program responses and what the risks are associated with the proposed changes. James stated that he and Dr. Leathers will work together on fine tuning the document and the Task Force was supportive of that approach.

Kevin asked if the draft document would be included in the Full Committee meeting on March 8th and James agreed to present the draft document.

Presentation of the Gottwald Survey

Stephen Brown requested a PowerPoint from Dr. Gottwald on the development of the risk survey. The PowerPoint was presented to the Task Force, which described the method for quantifying the risk using statistics and algorithms. Victoria listed the layers of risk that Dr. Gottwald uses as factors associated with risk, she also showed the final risk map for Southern California and the sampling density for each area as it is related to the risk of HLB. She noted that around the HLB quarantine areas, 72 percent of the recommended sites had been sampled, but in the Monterey only 8 percent of the sites had been sampled. This is due to the higher risk associated with the HLB quarantine area. Dr. Gottwald included a slide that indicated that if the program reduces sampling by 25 percent then the program will only have a 26 percent chance of finding HLB.

Discuss Initial Methods/Means of Evaluating Cost Effectiveness of Outreach and Enforcement

James discussed the idea of having an external review of the Outreach and Enforcement programs by the University. Victoria mentioned that the program could enter into a grant with a University or could offer a request for proposal (RFP). Grants are faster, taking about 45 days and an RFP would be considerably longer, taking 3-6 months. Gus discussed the different types of outreach like elected official outreach and the repeat nature of this type of outreach. Bob Wynn mentioned that CSU Sacramento could potentially do this type of analysis. James asked if NST can look at their program, and what the messaging ramifications would be for reducing the outreach contract. Gus agreed that this is a good approach and that NST would have a good feel for where their efforts are most effective.

- Action Item: ask NST to review the program to identify impacts to messaging and deliverables of reducing the outreach budget.

James asked the question about the enforcement budget and where the budget could be streamlined. Victoria suggested that asking CDFA Pest Exclusion staff to do an analysis of the program, what the priorities and what the budget for the priorities would be. Nick mentioned that the program is looking at evaluating the County enforcement contracts for the tarping requirements, as the budgets received from the counties is double the available funding.

- Action Item: ask Pest Exclusion to analyze their activities and include a budget for each of the activities and prioritize the activities that should be done to prevent the movement of HLB.

Bob brought up the contract with CRB as another significant budget item, noting that there is no issues with the activities being conducted under the grant. Keith agreed that the CRB grant should be reviewed.

- Action Item: ask Gary at CRB to update the projected budget and the scope of work.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Victoria will put out a doodle poll for early April for a follow-up meeting.