

CPDPC Executive Committee Meeting

January 5, 2017 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Nick Hill at 2:02 p.m. on January 5, 2017. The following were in attendance:

Executive Committee Members

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

CDEA Staff

Victoria Hornbaker*
Dayna Napalillo*
Keith Okasaki*
Duane Schnabel*

Other Attendees

Joel Nelsen*

*Participated via webinar

Update on Program Manager Hiring Process

Victoria Reported to the Executive Committee that the Program Manager Position had been advertised last Friday with an “until filled” final filing date, which was done to allow for the development of a good candidate pool. She noted that there have been several applications submitted so far. Victoria stated that she would conduct a preliminary screening for each application and that she would verify that the most qualified candidates meet the minimum qualifications. She is hoping to conduct interviews in the near future, and would like to have at least 10 highly qualified applicants. She asked whom from the Executive Committee would be sitting in on the interviews and it was decided that Chairman Nick Hill would be the primary panelist and Secretary/Treasurer Kevin Severns would be a secondary panelist in the event that Nick was unavailable. Victoria mentioned that if possible, she would like to have a candidate selected by March.

Update on New Tarping Regulation

Victoria posed the question to the Executive Committee members about the desired intent of the tarping, specifically was the initial intent for the loads to remain tarp while sitting in staging or are the tarps allowed to be removed once the load is received at destination. Nick Hill responded that there has been discussion about this issue and the consensus is that the intent is have loads tarped during transport from origin to destination and allow tarps to be removed once the load is received. Untarped loads will be allowed in the staging areas of the packinghouse, processing facilities and juice plants. Kevin Severns noted that any ACP on the load will escape at destination regardless of when the tarp is removed.

Victoria reminded the Executive Committee that the current mitigations under the performance standard, which include preharvest insecticide application or field cleaning, must still be implemented for loads moving out of a contiguous quarantine area. She wants everyone to make sure that everyone reminds all impacted entities that they still need to do mitigations for moving between quarantines.

There was a discussion of what mitigations can be done at destination to reduce the likelihood of ACP establishing themselves at the destination. There was a discussion about additional traps at the perimeter, potentially look into using lures, if available. Nick was interested in the use of additional traps to see what the level of ACP are moving off of the tarped loads. James MacFarlane passed on a concern from his packinghouse manager that we are going to be moving ACP to the packinghouses and establishing new

hot spots. Joel Nelsen stated that the ACP should move off the load during the tarping process as they will be disturbed by the motion and vibrations. He proposes that not all, but most of the ACP should be frightened off. Victoria asked about blowing off the bins before loading, but the group felt that it would be too cumbersome to enforce. Kevin is concerned that there aren't any mitigations required for movement within contiguous quarantine areas, it will be harvested and tarped and moved to destination.

- Nick asked for higher density traps around the perimeter and having them serviced weekly rather than every other week.

Keith Okasaki discussed the challenges in getting the establishments resigned up under the new Compliance Agreements and he noted that that workload was pretty large and that the intention is to get the Counties under contract to handle the workload. The Executive Committee was interested in the timeframe for final implementation. Nick stated that he is getting calls and that people are confused about what they need to and when they need to do it. The Committee expressed concern that the compliance agreement holders will put off going in to sign up so that they don't have to comply. Duane stated that 85 percent of the compliance agreement holders are operating under the spray and move option that requires tarping for movement, he intends to focus the efforts on the 15 percent of the compliance agreement holders that are operating under the Field Cleaning option. Nick asked about what the penalties would be if someone violated. Duane stated that the penalties for non-compliance will be handled under Food and Ag Code 5310 it goes through the court system and it carries a maximum fine of \$10,000 per incident and can also include an injunction. Joel asked when the new compliance agreements will be issued, how long it would take the program to get the work done. Nick mentioned that the program needs to set drop dead date or people are going to continue to move fruit without doing what they are supposed to be doing. Kevin said there needs to be a drop dead date for everyone, not just the 15 percent that are operating under the field cleaning compliance agreement. The Committee asked why the Counties can't work on the project now to help with signing people up on the new compliance agreements, Duane mentioned that the contracting might take up to 3 months because most counties will have to send the agreement to the board of supervisors for approval. There was frustration with this response from the program, because this has been discussed for several months. Victoria mentioned additional resources that might be available through Integrated Pest Control Branch and would discuss this offline with Duane.

Victoria mentioned that there will be CDFA staff doing spot checks and that the CHP and rural Ag crimes taskforce work will also be moving forward and that the Counties will be contracted for origin and destination enforcement.

James mentioned that at the Finance Subcommittee meeting on January 4th that the Finance Subcommittee would like to encourage the Committee to trim the budget by \$4-5 million to allow for a reserve of \$8 million rather than the current projected reserve of \$4 million. Jim Gorden Mentioned that the Operations Subcommittee discussed this at length at their meeting on the 4th, noting that they have a few points to discuss at the Committee meeting including reducing response activities in some areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

