

**CALIFORNIA CITRUS PEST AND DISEASE PREVENTION PROGRAM
OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 5, 2017

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Operations Subcommittee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 5, 2017 in Visalia, California by Subcommittee Chairman Keith Watkins.

Committee Members Present:

Zac Greene	Link Leavens*	Kevin Olsen
Jim Gordon	Mark McBroom*	Keith Watkins

Committee Members Absent:

Kevin Severns

CRB Staff:

Rick Dunn	Sandra Olkowski
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Interested Parties:

Teri Blaser	Neil McRoberts	Cressida Silvers *
Sean Fornum*	Katie Nieri	Debby Tanouye*
Jon Goergen*	Curtis Pate*	Judy Zaninovich
Victoria Hornbaker*	Leandro Ramos*	Sandra Zwaal*
Magally Luque-Williams*	Sylvie Robillard	

*** Participated via telephone/WebEx**

Opening Comments

Keith Watkins welcomed the Subcommittee, staff, and members of the public participating in person and online. It was noted that there was a quorum for the meeting. There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Keith Watkins reviewed the minutes from the June 7, 2017 Operations Subcommittee meeting. A correction was made to the date in the subheading.

Motion: To recommend approval of the June 7, 2017 minutes as corrected.
Moved: Jim Gordon

Second: Kevin Olsen
Motion Passes: All in favor

Review of DATOC Report

Sandy Olkowski presented an update on Data Analysis and Tactical Operations Center (DATOC) project. She mentioned how the team and the work group were formed. The DATOC Expert Panel met in Visalia on June 8 and established two sub work groups: Bactericides and Nursery Issues. Sandy mentioned that eight members participated in person and three via WebEx. The discussion on DATOC Operations focused on confidentiality, mission, workflow and development of a “Dashboard” (a webpage interactive tool for the group). CRB legal counsel is currently reviewing the draft confidentiality statement. Other issues that were discussed included what’s happening in California and prioritizing topics to address which includes “urgency” and “time to complete”. Sandy presented a workflow on how the DATOC will respond to a requesting party and how the information will be reviewed and analyzed by the DATOC Expert Panel. The next steps for the DATOC Panel includes a Priority Issues Workshop scheduled in Davis in August 17-18. The issues include the following: Strategic resource allocation for ACP/HLB sampling and response, PMA buffer treatment triage, tactical response for HLB detection in commercial groves and the role of ‘indeterminate’ qPCR results.

Kevin Olsen asked if the Subcommittee will get a copy of the presentation for the meeting in Davis, and how the meeting in Davis is going to fit in the CRB program. Sandy Olkowski stated that the meeting is separate from CRB and reassured the group that the discussion will be confidential. Subgroups are currently preparing papers for the big group. Neil McRoberts welcomed comments/suggestions from the Subcommittee, other experts and CDFA.

Neil McRoberts indicated that there are two representatives from the industry, Etienne Rabe and Greg Galloway. He also stated an ad hoc committee will be created depending on the need and will be subjected to confidentiality clause. Judy Zaninovich asked how this group is related to Science Advisory Panel (SAP), whether they will make the recommendations together. Neil McRoberts stated that the DATOC work committee’s intent is to have more rapid response than SAP, since SAP doesn’t meet often, but he stated that there will be some overlap with SAP goals. Katie Nieri stated the importance of consistency with recommendations to be provided by DATOC and SAP work groups. Jim Gorden reiterated the importance of involving CPDPP and CDFA for policy making purposes. Victoria Hornbaker clarified that the SAP report is shared with the industry and CDFA does not amend the report. Jim Gorden hopes the report that will be produced by DATOC and SAP will be some kind of a basis in developing a policy. Victoria stated that the information produced by DATOC will be vetted similarly to the SAP reports, and CPDPC in turn will make policy recommendations to the CDFA. Neil McRoberts reassured the group that the report will be presented before the Operations Subcommittee and ultimately the CPDPC. Sylvie Robillard asked if the dashboard will be open to the public. Sandy clarified that the “dashboard” will not be accessible to the public to provide comments. Victoria Hornbaker stated that if data or report comes before the CPDPC, then it will become public. Victoria also

asked if the DATOC report/info will be shared with the full CRB. Neil McRoberts stated “No,” only two of those three board members will ever be present at any one meeting.

Areawide Management of ACP

Victoria Hornbaker presented information provided by Bob Atkins who was not available at the meeting due to family illness.

Area wide Treatment Challenges and Recommendations:

Bob provided an outline that covered topics such as challenges with communication, data collection and accurate reporting in the grower areawide treatments. It mentioned the need for consistency in terms used and mapping format. He urged the use of Pest Control Districts (PCD) to make areawide treatment mandatory. He stressed that packers and juicers must work together to let all growers know that they will only accept fruit from growers who participate in areawide treatments.

He also provided additional information on the benefits of forming a PCD, including that the PCD would decide on the rate of assessments, set policies, enforce compliance and offer incentives for participation.

Bob also suggested hiring an epidemiologist to analyze the effects of other Liberibacters on Bartels’ cluster analysis. Victoria noted that the program has hired Sara Khalid who will be responsible primarily for reviewing and managing the CDFA data. Sara will look for any samples which have been identified as *L. crescens* or which have been sequenced and identified as not a match for *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* and will remove those from the data set.

Link Leavens asked if anybody in the audience attended the recent CRB conference. None from CDFA or the Subcommittee were able to attend. Link stated that there were fascinating topics presented especially topics presented by Dr. Beth Cardwell on areawide treatment and efficacy. He said that Dr. Ed Stover from Florida urged growers to spend whatever it takes to get rid of HLB in California. Judy Zaninovich also gave an update on the recent Grower Liaison meeting in San Joaquin Valley. She also reported that she attended a joint San Joaquin Valley Pest Control District meeting and was encouraged by their desire to work jointly.

Review Science Advisory Panel Report

Victoria mentioned that there will be a meeting with Secretary tomorrow to discuss the SAP recommendations. SAP recommendations were received last week and routed to the Executive office for review. The Secretary requested a meeting with staff on July 6 and the report will be released following that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next Operations meeting will be held on August 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.