

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

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Operations Subcommittee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 1, 2017 in Visalia, California by acting Subcommittee Chair Keith Watkins.

Committee Members Present:

John Gless*	Link Leavens*	Keith Watkins
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Committee Members Absent:

Jim Gorden	Kevin Olsen
Mark McBroom	Kevin Severns

CRB Staff:

Rick Dunn	Cynthia LeVesque*
Melinda Klein	Gary Schulz

Interested Parties:

Bob Atkins	John Goergen	Cressida Silvers*
Erin Betts*	Jason Leathers	Debby Tanouye
Sean Farnum	Leslie Leavens*	Judy Zaninovich
Tina Galindo*	Dana Richmond	Sandra Zwaal*

*** 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 not a quorum for the meeting.

Revised ACP Action Plan

Debby reviewed the ACP response protocol and the revised ACP action plan with the Subcommittee. One ACP detection in Northern California excluding Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera and Tulare will remain a quarantine trigger. The response to the collection of one or more ACP would include trapping with 100 traps per square mile in a 1.5 mile radius to form a nine-square mile delimitation area around all find sites. Traps will be serviced weekly for the first month and if no additional ACP is detected traps will be serviced monthly for two years. All host trees within a 50-meter radius will be visually surveyed and all host trees within a 50-meter radius of the detection will be treated. Debby also reviewed the protocol for ACP detections in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera and Tulare counties which also include trapping, visual survey and treatment. Within a generally infested area with commercial citrus production CDFA will treat

the residential area within a 400-meter buffer surrounding commercial citrus groves if growers are conducting coordinated treatments in 90 percent of the PMA's. Along the California-Mexico border CDFA will treat the residential area within an 800 meter buffer surrounding ACP detections that are within two miles of the California-Mexico border, a notice of treatment will be issued and a public meeting will be held at least once a year. The goals of the program are to prevent and eradicate HLB and to suppress ACP as well as to reduce program costs. Debby presented a map that showed the acres of commercial citrus production by county. Staff also broke down the incoming assessment fees by county. If the participation rate was changed to 90 percent the program would save approximately \$1,149,208 on areawide treatment costs. The current budget for Santa Clara County is \$747,577 and as of January 31, 2017 and \$262,894 has already been spent in Santa Clara. Staff has estimated saving a total of \$412,875 with the revised ACP protocol. Staff also reviewed the Central Valley and Southern California cost savings comparisons with the Subcommittee which are significant cost savings. There was discussion regarding the HLB risk by county and the 90 percent grower participation rate. The Grower Liaisons asked to be kept in the loop regarding the psyllid management areas and participation rate discussions. It was asked if CDFA staff could put something together to monitor how many people are in compliance with tarping. The Subcommittee members in attendance recommended adopting the revised ACP response protocol.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next Operations meeting will be held on April 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Visalia, California.