

CALIFORNIA CITRUS PEST AND DISEASE PREVENTION PROGRAM INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 22, 2018

Opening:

The interim meeting of the California Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee (CPDPC) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 22, 2018 in Exeter, California by Committee Chairman Jim Gorden.

CPDPC Members Present:

Ed Civerolo*	Nick Hill	James McFarlane	Roger Smith*
Aaron Dillon*	Mark McBroom*	Etienne Rabe	Keith Watkins
John Gless	Brian Specht*	Kevin Severns	
Jim Gorden*	George McEwen	Brian Specht*	

CPDPC Members Absent:

Craig Armstrong	Bob Felts, Jr.	Link Leavens
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CDFA Staff:

Jason Chan*	Victoria Hornbaker	Colleen Murphy	Scosha Wright*
Nick Condos	Sara Khalid*	Keith Okasaki*	Bob Wynn
Tina Galindo*	Magally Luque-Williams*	Maegan Salinas	

Guests:

Bob Atkins	Rick Dunn	Sandy Olkowski	Cressida Silvers*
Jill Barnier	Sara Garcia Figuera	Karen Oversheet*	Judy Zaninovich*
Teri Blaser*	John S. Gless	Gary Schulz	Sandra Zwaal*
Cassandra Davis*	Joel Nelsen	Teresa Siles*	

* Participated via Webinar

Opening Comments:

Jim Gorden welcomed the Committee, staff, and members of the public participating in person and online and stated that there is a quorum for the meeting. He acknowledged that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS & UPDATES

Review September 13, 2017 Committee Meeting Minutes

Nick Condos briefly reviewed the minutes from the Committee meeting that took place on September 13, 2017. Nick stated that the program developed a projection based upon workload trends which totaled approximately \$42 million. The Committee approved a budget of approximately \$41 million. The decision was made that through the strategic planning process, the Committee would identify the program goals and priorities and revisit the budget after the

strategic plan was developed to try and align the current year budget with the strategic priorities. Now that the strategic plan has been approved a budget needs to be developed.

FINANCE REPORT & DISCUSSION

Review Current Fiscal Year Budget and Expenditures

James presented the 2016/2017 assessment budget to the Committee with projected expenditures totaling at \$25,655,331. As of December 31, 2017, there has been \$16,741,946, in assessment revenue received with an estimated outstanding balance to be received of \$178,054. Through December 31, 2017 there has been \$18,757,123 in expenditures to the assessment budget, leaving a balance remaining of \$8,273,409.

James also presented the 2017/2018 assessment budget to the Committee with projected expenditures totaling at \$41,084,701. As of December 31, 2017, there has been \$1,532,102, in assessment revenue received with an estimated outstanding balance to be received of \$14,937,898. Through December 31, 2017 there has been \$3,080,416 in expenditures to the assessment budget, leaving a balance remaining of \$38,245,682.

The statewide survey sub-budget has a remaining budget balance of \$3,072,802 and \$516,066 expended so far. The Southern California treatment sub-budget has a remaining budget balance of \$5,011,011 and \$398,788 expended so far. These two sub-budgets have the highest expenditures.

It was asked what crop estimate the program uses for the projections. Victoria stated that the program uses the National Agricultural Statistics Service report for the projections.

James presented the spending authority tracking spreadsheet. The 2017/2018 authority is \$24,152,150 and 25 percent has been spent as of December 31, 2017 leaving the remaining balance at \$18,088,031.

James reviewed the Statement of Budgets and Expenditures by Strategy. As of December 31, 2017, Strategy one is to quickly detect and eradicate diseased trees which takes up 58.31 percent of the budget totaling \$24,097,988 with a total current balance remaining of \$21,968,452. Strategy two is to control movement of psyllids around the state and enforce regulations which takes up 13.01 percent of the budget totaling \$5,377,560 with a total current balance remaining of \$5,376,640. Strategy three is to suppress psyllid populations which takes up 19.72 percent of the budget totaling \$8,151,346 with a total current balance remaining of \$7,609,690. Strategy four is to improve data technology, analysis and sharing which takes up 0.91 percent of the budget totaling \$376,145 with a total current balance remaining of \$376,145. Strategy five is outreach and collaboration which takes up 4.90 percent of the budget totaling \$2,023,298 with a total current balance remaining of \$1,962,014. Administration takes up 3.15 percent of the budget totaling \$1,299,750 with a remaining balance of \$952,742.

It was mentioned in the Executive Committee meeting held on February 20, 2018 that there should be a reserve level for the program. James presented a statement of reserve that displays the projected fund balance as well as the available fund balance. The full projected fund balance is \$9,442,620 with a reserve of \$10,000,000 leaving a negative balance of \$557,380 for available projected funds. The modified projection is \$11,951,360 with a reserve of \$10,000,000 leaving a projected balance available of \$1,951,360.

Nick Condos presented a detailed breakdown of the budget by group, strategy, region, project and activity and gave some detail regarding what activities are going on within CDFA as well as projected activities and costs. It was asked if there is a cost savings for trapping when there are no ACP finds. CDFA staff stated that there are statewide traps out at a fixed cost and if there is a delimitation, the cost goes up. It was asked what the turnaround time is for a trap once it is picked up from the field by staff. Nick Condos stated the turnaround time is approximately a month to go through the screening process. There is an overage of \$545 for ACP treatment in Monterey due to increased staffing. Nick Condos stated that if budget adjustments are desired in any of the categories presented that the Committee can go through the budget line by line and pick out the line items that are not at the top of the strategic priority. It was asked if the budget for urban treatments is budgeted assuming that there will be 90 percent compliance on grower treatments. CDFA staff stated that the projection is that there will be no left-over funding for urban treatments. There was a positive ACP detected in San Bernardino in January 2018 that was not budgeted for. The total projected budget for HLB treatment and survey is \$379,542. CDFA staff asked the Committee to approve the amended budget to include the \$379,542.

Motion: to approve the amended budget to include the projected expenditures for San Bernardino HLB treatment and survey in the amount of \$379,542.

First: James McFarlane

Second: Nick Hill

Motion Passes: All in favor

Etienne Rabe stated that in the Executive Committee meeting that was held on February 20, 2018 it was decided that the Committee should aim for a hard reserve and a contingent reserve because right now the Committee is increasing the expenditures in the budget. There should be a \$2 million contingency reserve that the Committee can draw from when needed. The Committee would like to draw from the contingency reserve in the future for situations like San Bernardino.

Jim Gorden asked if the delimitation traps were still being left in the field for two years after an ACP find in the San Joaquin Valley. Jim would like that length of time to be reduced. Nick Condos stated that before, the protocol was if there were no ACP finds after two years the traps could be pulled however that is now irrelevant because of the ACP regional quarantines. CDFA staff should evaluate whether those traps provided the amount of articulation necessary or perhaps it was even over articulation. It was suggested to reduce the delimitation trapping to six months. Nick Condos suggesting getting CDFA GIS staff to develop a working group to look further into the ACP trapping data so that a decision can be made. The density level also needs to be taken into consideration. The Committee made a recommendation to get a working group to come up with a recommendation as soon as possible.

Executive Summary of Current Program Activity Levels

Nick Condos stated that there are over 80,000 properties in the HLB 800-meter eradication zones and in 2017 there were approximately 10,000. The CDFA lab is at maximum capacity. The CRB lab and the tristeza eradication agency lab on board to help increase the lab capacity. The delimitation workload is also increasing but nothing can be done if the lab is backed up with samples. Additionally, the warrant activities have increased whether the properties be no contact properties or direct refusals. Staff is working on streamlining the warrant process. If staff is unable to get ahold of the homeowner the warrant process will begin. Compliance agreements

have also increased the workload. There was discussion regarding citrus trees being sold in HLB quarantine areas - the Committee does not agree that it should be allowed. Nick Condos stated that CDFA has the authority to change the regulation to ban the sale of noncommercial trees in HLB quarantine zones however that would have to be something that the Secretary agrees to. There was further discussion regarding the selling of trees in HLB quarantine areas. Teresa Siles mentioned that there has been a lot of internal discussion lately regarding Nurseries and could be a new area of outreach focus. NST will reach out to Aaron offline to discuss outreach messaging. Victoria reviewed the current protocol for an HLB quarantine when it relates to nursery stock. When a new quarantine is established, CDFA staff goes out to all of the retail nurseries and all of the nursery stock is put on hold. Once the quarantine is established the nursery is given two options: to build a greenhouse and keep the citrus nursery stock covered in the greenhouse or the nursery stock can be destroyed.

CDFA has issued an advisory on uniform enforcement and penalties to the Agricultural Commissioners and CDFA will be working with them to ensure that everyone is enforcing bulk citrus uniformly.

Nick Condos asked the Committee if they would like to spend more money on increasing diagnostic capacity then now is the time to do so. Nick suggested looking at a cost benefit analysis tool to determine if spending more money on increasing diagnostic capacity will lead to a large benefit in the goal of keeping HLB out of commercial citrus. Jim Gorden stated that the Executive Committee was in favor of taking advantage of increasing the lab capacities. The Committee is in favor of moving forward with increasing the lab capacity. CDFA staff will have a budget and timeline developed to present to the Committee at the March 14, 2018 Committee meeting.

Align Current Program Budget with Approved Strategic Plan Priorities

There was discussion regarding aligning the current program budget with the approved strategic plan priorities.

Motion: to set the CPDPC program budget at a maximum of \$32.5 million which includes an operation reserve of \$2.5 million and should maintain a minimum hard reserve of \$10 million

First: Etienne Rabe

Second: Keith Watkins

Motion Passes: All in favor

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next Committee meeting will be held in San Bernardino, California on March 14, 2018 at 10:00am.