

**Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee (CPDPC)
Executive Committee Webinar Meeting
December 10, 2020 Minutes**

There was a quorum of the Executive Committee and the following were in attendance:

Executive Committee Members Present:

Jim Gorden* Dr. Etienne Rabe* Keith Watkins*

Executive Committee Members Absent:

Bob Felts, Jr. * Mark McBroom*

CDFA Staff:

Karina Chu*	Amelia Hicks*	Keith Okasaki*
Kiana Dao*	Victoria Hornbaker*	David Phong*
Alisha Garcia*	Karla Huerta*	ThuyVy Truong*
David Gutierrez*	Anmol Joshi*	

Other Attendees:

Price Adams* Lisa Finke* Subhas Hajeri*

*Participated via webinar

Opening Comments:

Jim Gordon called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and welcomed the Executive Committee (Committee), guests, and staff participating via webinar. There were no public comments.

Finance Subcommittee Report

2019-20 Expenditure and Revenue Reports

Alisha Garcia presented the finance reports for Bob Felts and reported total expenditures through September 2020 were \$25,002,664, with a remaining balance of \$15,484,481. There is a gap in invoicing and the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Division (CPDPD) is still waiting for invoices from various counties. Transactions through July 2020 have been closed in Financial Information System for California (Fi\$Cal). Alisha added the revenue for October 2020 was \$355,188, bringing the total to \$18,425,358, and that these figures are generally on track with the previous year.

2020-21 Expenditure and Revenue Reports

The 20/21 expenditure total to date is \$1,232,566, leaving a balance of \$41,015,591. Revenue totals for November and December 2020 were reported at \$391,686 and \$56,261, respectively. CPDPD will be issuing credits to vendors that submitted remittances using the old assessment fee of \$0.09, instead of the new reduced rate of \$0.08, and those credits will be reported at the next Committee meeting.

Victoria Hornbaker added that the fund condition statement was just received and will be presented at the next Finance Subcommittee meeting.

Jim Gordon requested the Committee move to a morning schedule since Bob Felts is not available in the afternoon for the Finance Subcommittee report. In addition to the time change, Victoria proposed moving from a monthly to a quarterly schedule and meeting three to four weeks before the full committee to ensure motions can be brought forward. Jim Gordon, Etienne Rabe, and Keith Watkins all agreed to the changes and Victoria advised she will be sending out a revised subcommittee calendar.

Operations Subcommittee Report

Keith Watkins reported that no actions arose from the last meeting which focused heavily on staffing needs as well as discussing the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) canine detection program. Victoria Hornbaker added that a request for proposal is being prepared for rapid ACP screening in the Central Valley. Victoria also reported CDFA Secretary Ross approved the motion to cease treatments in San Jose and that additional biocontrol measures will continue in the area. It was also reported that there was an ACP find in Tulare County inside a juice plant. This find will be treated as a regulatory incident.

Science Subcommittee Report

Dr. Etienne Rabe stated that the science subcommittee's focus has been to advance the discussion of CPDPC program's practical impact in Southern California. Specifically, what changes can and should be made and what the pros and cons of the current program are. Keith Watkins agreed that the Committee needs to review its priorities and focus its assets into areas that provide the most value, such as making tree removal a more targeted process. Jim Gordon added program-wide practices should be created and the strategic priorities revisited. Price Adams reported that Nuffer, Smith, Tucker (NST) submitted a proposal to facilitate a process of looking at strategic priorities.

Outreach Subcommittee Report

Price Adams notified the Committee that NST has been working with CPDPD staff on media training to facilitate in-language outreach. With feedback indicating the Vietnamese community can be particularly skeptical of the program, NST's focus for the Asian-American outreach campaign kicking off this month is to dispel myths and educate the community. Price added that new NST team member, Krista Smith, has been working with grower liaisons, UC extension, and farm bureaus to amplify the message and move outreach forward. It was also reported that residents and county officials are being notified of the first HLB detection in Irvine.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 29, 2021.