

**CITRUS PEST AND DISEASE PREVENTION COMMITTEE (CPDPC)  
OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE WEBINAR MEETING**

**Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 5, 2021**

**Operations Subcommittee Members Present:**

Kevin Ball	John Gless	Roger Smith
Brad Carmen	Zac Green	Keith Watkins

**California Department of Food and Agriculture Staff:**

Kelley Aubushon	Laura Irons	David Morgan
Karina Chu	Mathew Jian	Alex Muniz
Kiana Dao	Anmol Joshi	Keith Okasaki
Paul Figueroa	Marina Kaiser	David Phong
Alisha Garcia	Luci Kumagai	Drew Posny
David Gutierrez	Daniel Lee	Lydia Rodriguez
Daren Harris	Betty Lee	Michael Soltero
Amelia Hicks	Magally Luque-Williams	Claudia Vazquez
Victoria Hornbaker	Zachary McCormack	Jennifer Willems

**Guests:**

Bob Atkins	Jonathan Kaplan	Curtis Pate
Teri Blaser	Melinda Klein	Monique Rivera
Casey Creamer	Deborah Larmon	Sylvie Robillard
Holly Deniston-Sheets	Jessica Leslie	Cressida Silvers
Aaron Dillon	Jasmine Lopez	Krista Smith
Rick Dunn	Weiqi Luo	Stephanie Stark
Lisa Finke	Marcy Martin	Karen Westerman
James Gorden	Neil McRoberts	Qijun Xiang
Subhas Hajeri	Mia Neunzig	Judy Zaninovich
Alyssa Houtby	Margaret O'Neill	Sandra Zwaal
Scott Hudson		

**Opening**

The Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee (CPDPC) Operations Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting was called to order via webinar at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. Keith Watkins welcomed subcommittee members, guests, and staff.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1 – FIND AND ERADICATE HUANGLONGBING**

**Huanglongbing (HLB) Risk Survey**

David Phong reported that HLB risk-based survey 2020 Cycle 2 is 93 percent complete. The three counties pending completion are Fresno, Tulare, and Kern counties. The expected completion date is May 31.

HLB risk-based survey 2021 Cycle 1 began mid-March and is eight percent complete statewide. Northern District was assigned 118 square miles and is currently 18 percent complete. Survey is complete in Yuba, Sutter, and Butte counties. Central District was assigned 478 square miles

and is currently two percent complete. Survey is complete in San Luis Obispo County. Southern District was assigned 1,050 square miles and is currently 10 percent complete.

David presented on the number of properties surveyed, Asian citrus psyllids (ACP) sampled, and hosts sampled per month for HLB risk-based survey from August 2020 to April 2021.

## **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2 – CONTROL ACP MOVEMENT AND ENFORCE REGULATIONS**

### **Regulatory Activity Update**

Keith Okasaki presented county regulatory activities conducted for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021. In FY 2019-2020, only half of the counties with cooperative agreements expended 100 percent of their budget. In FY 2020-21, counties have issued fewer Notices of Violation, signifying more compliance with quarantine requirements. County regulatory agreements that begin July 2021 and end September 2022 are currently being processed.

## **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3 – ACP CONTROL/SUPPRESSION**

### **Trapping, Treatment, and Staffing Updates**

#### *Regional/Grower Liaison (GL) Update*

Bob Atkins reported the San Joaquin Valley ACP/HLB Area-wide Task Force issued recommendations to growers south and east of Bakersfield to treat with an ACP-effective material due to the high levels of ACP detections last fall. Winter area-wide treatment is ongoing and nearing completion. The University of California is applying for a grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for dead and dying grove removal. The GL positions in Riverside and Imperial counties are pending final insurance and paperwork clearance.

## **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4 – IMPROVE DATA TECHNOLOGY, ANALYSIS, AND SHARING**

### **Data Analysis and Tactical Operation Center (DATOC) Update**

Holly Deniston-Sheets reported that DATOC is still working on a study on the efficacy of buffer treatments. Preliminary data from Hemet shows that 25 percent of properties known to have citrus hosts (17 percent of total properties) refused treatment, and that most of these properties are within 2.5 miles from a citrus corridor. DATOC expects to report additional information at the next subcommittee meeting. Holly confirmed that the ACP trapping technology research was transitioned to the Science Subcommittee.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

### **Sweet Orange Scab Discussion**

Victoria Hornbaker reported sweet orange scab (SOS) was detected in a commercial grove in Riverside. Previously SOS has been detected in North Tustin and Blythe in 2020 and in Blythe, Winterhaven, Calipatria and Cal Poly Pomona in 2013. Currently, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has implemented 5-square mile SOS regulated areas around each SOS detection. These regulated areas utilize CDFA's statutory authority and are equivalent to the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) regulations for SOS. The Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Division is developing an SOS delimitation protocol and will work with USDA for their approval. Due to the recent detections and CDFA's lack of a regulation for SOS interior quarantine, USDA may quarantine the entire state, thus causing hardship to growers and nurserymen and increased costs and oversight. Victoria explained that initiating the rulemaking process to establish an SOS interior quarantine regulation in California may prevent the need for USDA to quarantine the entire state. The subcommittee made a motion to support the rulemaking process for SOS and to move the issue to the CPDPC full committee meeting for consideration.

## **Closing**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m. The next meeting will be held via webinar on June 9, 2021.