

**Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee (CPDPC)
Executive Subcommittee Webinar Meeting
April 23, 2021 Minutes**

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

Executive Subcommittee Members Present:

Jim Gorden* Dr. Etienne Rabe* Keith Watkins*

Executive Subcommittee Members Absent:

Bob Felts, Jr. * Mark McBroom*

CDFA Staff:

Carl Baum*	David Gutierrez*	Anmol Joshi*
Karina Chu*	Amelia Hicks*	Sarah Kraft*
Kiana Dao*	Victoria Hornbaker*	Lydia Rodriguez*
Alisha Garcia*	Laura Irons*	Michael Soltero*

Other Attendees:

Price Adams* Holly Deniston-Sheets* Subhas Hajeri*

*Participated via webinar

Opening Comments:

Jim Gordon called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and welcomed the Executive Committee (Committee), guests, and staff participating via webinar. There were no public comments.

Review of Committee Bylaws

Victoria Hornbaker reviewed the CPDPC bylaws, noting that currently the bylaws state that executive committee members may serve two consecutive terms. She asked if the Committee wanted to discuss any proposed edits to the current executive terms. It was decided that the bylaws will be discussed at a future full committee meeting.

Finance Subcommittee Report

2019-20 Expenditure and Revenue Reports

Alisha Garcia reported total expenditures for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 were coming in at \$25,793,698 with manual tracking, leaving a balance of \$14,693,447. Additionally, FY 2019-20 is closed in Financial Information System for California (Fi\$Cal), showing \$22,216,246 in expenditures. Alisha added that 2019-20 expenditures will no longer be shown separately, but rather as prior year expenditures on the FY 2020-21 reports.

2020-21 Expenditure and Revenue Reports

Alicia Garcia reported expenditures for FY 2020-21 so far were \$6,083,481, leaving a remaining balance of \$36,164,677. For FY 2020-21 revenues, Alisha reported an increase of \$1,400,000 bringing the current total to \$6,469,222. Jim Gorden stated industry progress on crops is running behind when compared to prior years, and this could contribute to a revenue drop.

Carl Baum added that the CDFA Office of Grants Administration intends to award a CPDPC financial advisor contract to the winning bidder sometime in May.

Operations Subcommittee Report

Keith Watkins reported the Operations Subcommittee met on April 7 and focused on the efficiency and best use of manpower to balance laboratory samples with laboratory capacity to pre-COVID levels. Keith stated that CalTrap and Citrus Surveyor software work continues.

Victoria stated several sightings of lime swallowtail have been reported, although there have been no official identifications. In response to these sightings, the University of California, Riverside is requesting funding from the Citrus Research Board for a lime swallowtail survey. Lydia Rodriguez is taking the lead on the lime swallowtail survey; she will visit the find site and will have staff survey for lime swallowtail during the Huanglongbing (HLB) risk-based survey.

Additionally, Keith stated the Data Analysis and Tactical Operations Center is looking at Asian citrus psyllid trapping technologies to see if what is currently being used can be improved.

Science Subcommittee Report

Dr. Etienne Rabe stated that a deficiency letter was received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) asking for additional manufacturing information for the ethyl formate submission due to carbon dioxide, a registered pesticide, in its formulation. They are working on the resubmission package to the EPA.

Etienne added that the Science Subcommittee had PhD candidate Sara Garcia-Figuera present her dissertation, focusing on grower's social behavior and their view of area-wide treatment. Sarah's report indicated a lack of trust among the grower community, which could make the Committee's goals harder to implement. Etienne requested Sarah to present her report to the full committee in May if possible since Sara no longer resides in the United States.

Price Adams added that Nuffer, Smith, Tucker (NST) has been working with Sara to condense her report to an easily understood summary to release to the public in the future.

Etienne added the methodology and science response to combating HLB in Southern California will continue to be assessed.

Outreach Subcommittee Report

Price Adams reported that NST is examining the CPDPC's strategic plan to ensure that the priorities and decision making continue to align with industry needs. NST will conduct in-depth, one-on-one interviews with Executive Committee members, Victoria Hornbaker, and United States Department of Agriculture staff to determine which processes are working best and where improvements are needed. Once these interviews are analyzed and key trends are identified, recommendations for refining the plan will be made.

Jim Gordon asked if this process would become more interactive and Price responded that a working group will be formed once the interviews and subsequent analysis are complete.

Victoria Hornbaker advised the Executive Committee on the upcoming continuation hearings for the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Program. The hearings will be held in Visalia, Ventura, and Riverside on May 25, June 1, and June 3, respectively, including one virtual webinar on May 27.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m. The next meeting will be held on July 23, 2021.