

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
CALIFORNIA CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)**

**Meeting Minutes
Teleconference
August 28, 2007**

Members Attending

Brett Kirkpatrick
Robert LoBue
Etienne Rabe
Damon Corey
Kevin Severns
John Eliot
James Sherwood
Ron Matik

CDFA Representatives

Kevin Masuhara
Rick Jensen
Stacey Hughes
Andrew Valero
Steve Patton
Shastitie Ferris-Miller

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

Chairman Brett Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Mr. Kevin Masuhara called roll. A quorum was established.

ITEM 2: REVENUE REPORT AND FUND BALANCE

A copy of California Citrus Program Revenue Report and Fund Condition is attached to these minutes and labeled as EXHIBIT A.

As of July 31, 2007, total expenses are \$1,647,585. This number has not been finalized yet because the Financial Services unit is still working on year-end reports. There may be additional transactions entered which could affect these amounts. Resources, including Ag Fund, Bank of America, and estimated remaining revenue are \$2,153,898. This leaves an operating reserve of \$506,313 going into FY 2007-08.

ITEM 3: COUNTY INSPECTION RESULTS UPDATE

A. EXPENSES FOR JULY 1 – JULY 31, 2007

A copy of Maturity and Freeze Contract Summary is attached to these minutes and labeled as EXHIBIT B.

As of July 31, 2007, total county expenses for maturity and freeze equal \$1,362,585. As it has been in the past, the counties will be paid for this work and all work to follow after maturity season.

B. CONTINUE FREEZE INSPECTIONS

MOTION: Mr. Ron Matic moved to authorize the counties to continue freeze inspection as needed. Mr. John Eliot seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY - JULY, 2007

MOTION: Mr. Robert LoBue moved to approve all three Meeting Minutes with one change: add Mr. James Sherwood as an attendee to May's meeting. Mr. Sherwood seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5: OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bob Blakley with California Citrus Mutual, will resend the two (2) petitions for regulation changes: the first gives the Secretary authority to establish the assessment rates based on input from the Citrus Committee after a forty-five (45) day review period; and the second gives the Citrus Program authority to establish delayed freeze evidence.

Mr. Andrew Valero was introduced; he has been hired to replace Stacey Hughes.

The committee would like it noted in the action report that they would like to separate Navel and Valencia oranges as to the types of cuts performed after a freeze, which would create a more consistent measure. Chairman Kirkpatrick would like to agenda this item for the next meeting to allow the committee member to research this topic and decide if a regulation change is needed.

On August 27, 2007, there was an informal meeting with Dr. Etienne Rabe and Mr. Blakely regarding AB 771, the proposed legislation to establish a mandatory hold on shippers when freeze damage is suspected. California Department of Food and Agriculture did not attend.

ITEM 6: NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in Bakersfield, Kern County on Tuesday, September 18, 2007. The room is reserved at the Agricultural Commissioners' Office from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kevin Masuhara, State and County Liaison
Executive Office

California Citrus Program
 Revenue Report and Fund Condition
 As of July 31, 2007

Ag Fund Balance <u>as of June 30th</u>	\$ 1,774,119
Bank of America <u>as of June 30th</u>	363,949
July 2007 Revenue	15,830
Total Resources	\$ 2,153,898

FY 2006-07 Expenses	
County Contracts	1,362,585
Ag. Statistics	285,000
	\$ 1,647,585
<u>August 2007 Freeze Inspection</u>	<u>19,125</u>
Operating Reserve	\$ 487,188

2007/2008 Citrus Contract and Expense Summary

County	2007/08 Contract Amounts	Total Maturity Expense	Freeze Expense as of July 31st	Total Expenses to Date	% of Total Contract Expended	Contracts as of July 31st
Fresno	\$ 159,748	\$ -	\$ 5,068	\$ 5,068	3.2%	\$ 154,680
Kern	88,705	-	-	-	0.0%	88,705
Riverside	21,125	-	-	-	0.0%	21,125
Bernardino	3,544	-	393	393	11.1%	3,151
Santa Clara	6,887	-	82	82	1.2%	6,805
Tulare	187,253	-	13,064	13,064	7.0%	174,189
Ventura	11,091	-	518	518	4.7%	10,573
Totals	\$ 478,353	\$ -	\$ 19,125	\$ 19,125	4.0%	\$ 459,228

Kern and Riverside Counties had no expenses to report for Month of July

Summary of Expenses for 2006/07 contracts

Total costs for Maturity **\$344,274**

Total costs for Freeze **\$1,018,311**

Total 2006/07 Citrus Inspection Costs **\$1,362,585**