

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)  
CA CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (CCAC)  
Bakersfield, CA  
Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2007**

**Members Attending**

Robert LoBue  
Nicholas Hill  
Brett Kirkpatrick  
John Eliot Jr.  
Ron Matik  
Kevin Severns

**CDFA Representatives**

Rick Jensen  
Kevin Masuhara  
Steve Patton  
Stacey Hughes  
Andrew Valero  
Jeff Cesca  
Vic Tolomeo

**Interested Parties**

Scotti Walker; Fresno County  
Myron Kimmel; Kern County  
Don Borges; Tulare County  
Bob Blakely; Ca. Citrus Mutual

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL**

Mr. Kevin Masuhara called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Roll was called, but a quorum was not established.

**ITEM 2: REVENUE REPORT/FUND BALANCES**

***A copy of the 2006-2007 Summary of Fiscal Year Revenue and 2007-2008 Proposed Budget are attached to these minutes, labeled as EXHIBIT A and B.***

Mr. Masuhara reviewed the 2006-2007 revenue totaling \$612,416, which includes \$64,311 prior year revenue and \$46,991 interest on reserve funds. Total projected revenue for 2007-2008 is estimated at \$636,941, with mil assessment revenues (\$579,142) adjusted by +25% from previous fiscal year, interest revenue decreased to \$20,000, and there were no prior year revenue adjustments.

CCAC expressed interest in investing reserve funds into CDs at Bank of America.

There were substantial differences from 2006-2007 (\$1,695,116) expenditures versus the 2007-2008 estimate (\$712,353), due to freeze inspections.

The end fund balance for 2006-2007 was \$522,192, with 2007-2008 estimated at \$446,780.

**ITEM 3: FY 2007-2008 BUDGET APPROVAL**

The committee discussed raising assessments to the maximum allowed by legislation to replenish reserve funds.

**MOTION:** Mr. Nick Hill moved to approve the 2007-2008 proposed budget; Mr. Kevin Severns seconded. Motion not approved due to lack of quorum.

**ITEM 4: FREEZE INSPECTION STATUS REPORT - COUNTIES**

Mr. Myron Kimmell with Kern County reported decreased production with no rejections.

Ms. Scotti Walker with Fresno County reported decreased production with some lots being rejected and reconditioned at time of rejection.

Mr. Don Borges with Tulare County reported production is still high in three (3) or four (4) larger Valencia packing facilities. No rejections have been made since May.

**ITEM 5: AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS UPDATE**

Mr. Vic Tomoleo informed CCAC, in order to maintain the crop acreage survey, additional funds would be required. This increase would need to start this year. A decision was made to leave the budget as proposed.

**ITEM 6: NOMINATION/ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**

No nominations/elections were made due to lack of a quorum, nomination/election will be placed on the next meetings agenda.

**ITEM 7: TELECONFERENCE MEETING FORMAT AND BAGLEY-KEENE ACT**

Mr. Rick Jensen and Mr. Masuhara explained the Bagley-Keene Act as follows:

The "State Body", as Defined in Government Code Section 11120-11132 shall:

1. Issue a 10-day public notice (name of contact person/date/time)
2. Issue a specific agenda
3. Identify every location where members of the public may participate
4. Compliance with American Disabilities Act, and
5. Be audible and available to the public regarding teleconference meetings
6. Location(s) where CCAC members are participating from by teleconference must be posted as a "public accessible" location

It was explained that each committee member must be present at one of the posted meeting locations. CCAC would like to continue with teleconferences and use the County Agricultural Commissioner's offices as central public accessible locations for CCAC members participation.

**ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

There are regulation changes in progress to change the term 'oranges' to 'citrus' and give legislative authority to establish delayed evidence of freeze applicable to all citrus varieties.

Mr. Masuhara requested CCAC review the 2006-2007 freeze report and supply any feedback so it can be used as reference for future freezes.

Mr. Jensen reported that there are CCAC appointments that will expire and need to be filled.

Mr. Masuhara reminded CCAC that a proposal is in progress to change the California Code of Regulations which will give the Secretary authority to set assessment rates. Once the regulation is changed, the Secretary will have the authority to set subsequent mil assessment rate changes with CCAC.

**ITEM 9: NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on October 30, 2007, at the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

**ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Steve Patton, Supervisor  
Standardization Program  
Inspection and Compliance Branch

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CITRUS PROGRAM: Summary of Fiscal Year Revenue 2006-07

Period	Navel Oranges		Valencia Oranges		Lemons	
	Containers	Revenue	Containers	Revenue	Containers	Revenue
July 2006	1,489,433	\$11,915.46	3,097,346	\$10,840.71	2,176,722	\$2,176.72
August 2006	3,281,561	26,252.49	6,382,142	22,337.50	1,757,008	1,757.01
September 2006	56,609	452.87	2,448,313	8,569.10	1,681,093	1,681.09
October 2006	7,278	58.22	2,385,680	8,349.88	1,108,119	1,108.12
November 2006	486,550	3,892.40	2,209,926	7,734.74	1,172,913	1,172.91
December 2006	5,210,059	41,680.47	303,700	1,062.95	1,373,770	1,373.77
January 2007	7,518,968	60,151.74	54,871	192.05	1,714,299	1,714.30
February 2007	6,312,700	50,501.60	7,131	24.96	1,542,503	1,542.50
March 2007	2,374,348	18,994.78	3,920,511	13,721.79	2,004,428	2,004.43
April 2007	7,639,439	61,115.51	77,531	271.36	2,144,690	2,144.69
May 2007	5,877,466	47,019.73	304,209	1,064.73	2,561,807	2,561.81
June 2007	2,919,944	23,359.55	1,601,597	5,605.59	2,308,693	2,308.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,174,355</b>	<b>\$345,394.84</b>	<b>22,792,957</b>	<b>\$79,775.35</b>	<b>21,546,045</b>	<b>\$21,546.05</b>

# 2007-08 Proposed Budget

EXHIBIT B

NAVEL AND VALENCIA BUDGET	ACTUAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES 2006-07	PROPOSED BUDGET 2007-08
Ag Statistics fund	\$92,268	\$0
Ag Fund	62,606	158,243
B of A	1,450,018	363,949
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$1,604,892</b>	<b>\$522,192</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Prior Year Revenue	\$64,311	
*Mil Assessment Revenue		
Navel/Valencia	434,002	542,502
Lemons	21,546	26,933
Mandarins	7,765	9,707
N/V Refund from Orange Crop	37,800	37,800
Interest on B of A & Ag Fund	46,991	20,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$612,416</b>	<b>\$636,941</b>
<b>AVAILABLE CASH</b>	<b>\$2,217,308</b>	<b>\$1,159,133</b>
<b>BUDGET (Spending Authority)</b>	<b>\$894,000</b>	<b>\$939,211</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Orange Crop Report	161,000	185,000
** Acreage Survey		
Navel/Valencia	80,000	0
Lemons	30,000	0
Mandarins	10,000	0
Orange Crop Refund to N/V	37,800	37,800
Maturity, County contracts	344,274	478,353
Freeze	1,018,311	
Committee Travel Expense	4,338	1,000
General Expense	311	200
Prior Year	0	0
Prior Prior year	0	0
State Pro Rata	9,081	10,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,695,116</b>	<b>\$712,353</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$522,192</b>	<b>\$446,780</b>

\* Mil Assessment Breakdown: Valencia-3.5 mils, Navels-8 mils, Lemons-1 mil, Mandarins-1.5 mils

\*\* Acreage survey expenses occur every other year.