



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
CALIFORNIA CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)
March 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Teleconference**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brad Bishel – Chair
Gustavo Carranza – Vice
Chair
John S. Gless
Tom Mayhew
Michael Stark
Dave Tomlinson
Scott Woods
George McEwen

INTERESTED PARTIES

Gary Keough – National
Agricultural Statistics Service
(NASS)
Brenda Hill – NASS

CDFA

Steve Patton
Marcee Yount
Karrie Batchelor
Anna Carrasquillo
Andrea Todd
Mitchell King

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chair Brad Bishel.

ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM 3: REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

- i. November 17, 2020

MOTION: John Gless moved to approve the November 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented. Chair Brad Bishel seconded the motion. A vote by roll call was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

- ii. December 8, 2020

MOTION: Scott Woods moved to approve the December 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented. John Gless seconded the motion. A vote by roll call was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4: COMMITTEE VACANCY AND TERMS REPORT

Mitchell King provided the Committee Vacancy and Terms Report. Currently there are four producer member vacancies: one of navel and Valencia representing the San

Joaquin Valley; one of lemons representing Ventura County; one of navel and Valencia representing Fresno County; and one representing mandarins.

King went on to state reappointments that will take place in September of 2021. Members whose terms will end on September 30, 2021, are Michael Stark and Woods.

ITEM 5: COUNTY ACTIVITY AND EXPENSE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/21

Karrie Batchelor provided the County Activity and Expense Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/21. According to Batchelor, the counties had used 45 percent of their contracted monies as of December 2020.

ITEM 6: BUDGET REVIEW

i. FY 2021/22 Proposed National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS) Budget

Gary Keough of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) NASS presented the FY 2021/22 Proposed NASS Budget. The Proposed NASS Budget included \$38,491 for salary and benefits; \$37,792 for operating expenses; \$136,248 for the Navel Objective Measurement (OM) survey; \$75,000 for the Valencia OM survey; \$77,000 for the citrus acreage survey; \$70,752 for the Cara Cara OM survey; \$80,000 for the Mandarin OM survey; with a gas tax credit of \$4,700 for \$510,583 total expenditures.

Keough informed the committee that NASS headquarters has recommended that the Mandarin OM release date be changed to coincide with the NASS October Crop Production Report. Keough stated that moving this date would put the mandarin release in the October Citrus Production Table for United States citrus crops. This led to a discussion focusing on how the industry utilizes the Mandarin OM information. Michael Stark stated that he supports an earlier release date to assist the industry with marketing efforts. The consensus among committee members was that the Mandarin OM release should be as close to the Navel OM release date as possible.

ii. FY 2021/22 Projected Revenue

Batchelor presented the FY 2021/22 Projected Revenue. Batchelor noted that the Revenue Projections are based on the current assessment rates. The total FY 2021/22 Projected Revenue is \$421,254.

iii. FY 2021/22 Proposed Citrus Program Budget

Batchelor presented the FY 2021/22 Proposed Citrus Program Budget. Batchelor explained that the Governor's Office has mandated state programs to reduce their costs by five percent. The five percent reduction has led to a decrease in county agreements. Batchelor stated that these reductions would have minimal impact on the maturity program since the county agreements are not usually fully expended.

The FY 2021/22 Proposed Citrus Program Budget includes a beginning fund balance of \$2,645,614; a total revenue of \$462,754; \$3,108,368 in available cash; \$945,309 in total

expenditures with a gas tax refund of \$13,700; and a pro rata cash adjustment of \$36,219 for an ending balance of \$2,140,540.

MOTION: Chair Brad Bishel moved to approve the FY 2021/22 Proposed Citrus Program Budget as presented. David Tomlinson seconded the motion. A vote by roll call was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 7: PROGRAM UPDATES

Batchelor provided an update on experimental container and pack permits. Batchelor reported one orange permit will not be renewed and a new orange container and pack permit was issued in January.

ITEM 8: NEXT MEETING/ADGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be held on November 16, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. by Chair Bishel.

Respectfully submitted by:



for
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