



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
CALIFORNIA CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)
December 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Teleconference**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

George McEwen

INTERESTED PARTIES

Amanda Zito – Fresno County
Scotti Walker – Fresno County
Eddy Greynolds – Kern County
Steve Schweizer – Kings
County
Misael Martinez – Riverside
County
Monica Winters – San Diego
County
Tesfaye Jimma –Tulare County
Korrine Bell – Ventura County

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Karrie Batchelor
Mitchell King

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chair Brad Bishel.

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made. Roll was called by Mitchell King and a quorum was established.

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM 4: CITRUS MATURITY

Karrie Batchelor asked the counties present to provide an update on Citrus Maturity.

Amanda Zito of Fresno County reported that only one official test was performed since November and it passed. Scores on the California Standard Scale were largely above 100 and there have been no rejections.

Tesfaye Jimma of Tulare County reported that there was one rejection on November 17th, there were no other rejections or failed tests. Of the tests performed in November, over 83 percent were above 100 on the California Standard Scale.

Steve Schweizer of Kings County reported that there have been no rejections or concerns in testing. All scores have been between 106 and 122 on the California Standard Scale.

Korrine Bell of Ventura County reported five official tests and one cursory since November with no rejections.

Misael Martinez of Riverside reported receiving a few loads from Kern and Tulare County and that tests have been between 100 and 128 on the California Standard Scale with no rejections.

Monica Winters of San Diego reported having received no shipments since the November meeting.

Eddie Greynolds of Kern County reported that there were no tests below 90 on the California Standard Scale since November, with more than 96 percent of their tests scoring above 100.

There was discussion regarding declaring maturity and stopping mandatory citrus maturity testing. Chair Bishel requested a motion to stop mandatory testing.

MOTION: John Gless moved to stop mandatory maturity testing on navel oranges from the San Joaquin Valley on December 9, 2020. The motion also allowed the Southern Counties to perform spot inspections when their local navel harvest season begins. Gustavo Carranza seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with no abstentions.

ITEM 5: TEMPERATURES

Batchelor discussed low temperatures throughout the San Joaquin Valley over the Thanksgiving holiday. Fresno County reported some technical problems with their weather stations but resolved those issues. Fresno reported no temperatures below 28 degrees Fahrenheit.

Tulare County reported several weather stations reporting temperatures below 28 degrees Fahrenheit. West Porterville reported temperatures of less than 28 degrees Fahrenheit on November 28th and 29th temperature for less than an hour and a half each night. Exeter reported temperatures below 28 degrees Fahrenheit on November 29th and 30th, as well as December 2nd. Each of these were for less than five hours. Ivanhoe reported temperatures below 28 degrees Fahrenheit between two and five hours from November 28th to December 2nd.

Kern County reported one weather station that reported 26.4 degrees Fahrenheit for five minutes on November 27th and 28th.

Both Ventura and Riverside counties had nothing to report.

There was brief discussion between the committee on their observations of temperatures.

ITEM 6: NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

There was discussion of forecasts indicating cold temperatures. Batchelor proposed that the committee schedule a future meeting to allow for any potential freeze events.

A meeting was scheduled for December 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to revisit temperatures.

ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m. by Chair Bishel.

Respectfully submitted by:



for
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