



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
CALIFORNIA CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)
December 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Teleconference**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

INTERESTED PARTIES

Jonathan Bixler, Tulare County
Christopher Greer, Tulare County
Tefaye Jimma, Tulare County
Daniel Delgado, Riverside County
Dinna Morris, San Diego County
Scotti Walker, Fresno County
Sam Sohal, Fresno County
Joel Reyes, California Citrus Mutual
Raymond Valles, Kern County

CDFA

Stacey Hughes
Thomas Osborn
Mitchell King

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

The Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Scott Woods, Chair. Roll was called, self-introductions were made, and a quorum was established.

ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM 3: CITRUS MATURITY

Counties in attendance reported the following:

Fresno County reported they had performed 113 maturity tests since November. Thirty tests were between 90 and 110 on the California Standard Scale. No lots were rejected.

Tulare County reported that there were three tests in November below 90 on the California Standard Scale. Two passed the first official test and the third passed the second official test four days later. Tulare County performed 143 maturity tests in December with no rejections.

Kern County reported that from November 8 to December 10 there were eight tests under 100 on the California Standard Scale, with one test below 90 on November 23 that passed the second test. No rejections reported.

Riverside County reported that they have received 24 loads since November 5, with two testing under 100 on the California Standard Scale. No rejections reported.

San Diego County reported that since November, they have received 16 loads all testing over 100 on the California Standard Scale. No rejections reported.

Stacey Hughes provided the report for Ventura County. Since November, Ventura County has had no tests below 100 on the California Standard Scale.

Chair Woods asked the Committee for input on maturity testing. The Committee members expressed agreement with ending maturity testing.

Woods requested a Motion to end maturity testing.

MOTION: John Gless moved to stop mandatory maturity testing on navel oranges from the San Joaquin Valley on December 13, 2019. The Motion also allowed the Southern Counties to perform spot inspections as needed when their navel harvest season begins. Michael Stark seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously, with no abstentions.

ITEM 4: TEMPERATURES

Hughes informed the Committee that this item was added to allow low temperatures to be addressed as needed. Fresno County did report on November 26, temperatures at 28.5 degrees for 30 minutes and below freezing temperatures for less than six hours. There were no other reports of cold temperatures. The Committee expressed no current concern about temperatures based on current weather forecasts.

ITEM 5: NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. by Scott Woods, Chair

Respectfully submitted by:



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