



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
CALIFORNIA CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)
February 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes
Teleconference**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gus Gunderson, Chairman
David Hines
Set Wollenman
John Gless
James Sherwood
Etienne Rabe
Keeley Bramer
John Eliot, Jr.

INTERESTED PARTIES

Allen Lampman, San Bernardino
County
Manuel Villicana, Kern County
Scotti Walker, Fresno County
Ron Bray, Riverside County
Mike Walker, Santa Clara County
Tulare County
Ventura County

CDFA

Steve Patton
Stacey Hughes
Susan Shelton

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Golden
Curtis Holmes

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

The Committee was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by Mr. Gus Gunderson, Chairperson. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

ITEM 2: FREEZE UPDATE

The counties gave the following findings regarding the freeze inspections on Navels, mandarins, and lemons.

Santa Clara: no rejections

Fresno: no rejections from December 24 – January 20, 2013; from January 21 – February 17, 2013 they wrote 10 non-compliances on Navels, 2 non-compliances on mandarins, and 3 non-compliances on lemons; this resulted in 15, 221 cartons being rejected

Kern: no rejections

Tulare: rejections on 9,987 cartons of Navels

San Bernardino: no rejections or signs of damage

Riverside: no rejections on Navels; the mandarins showed a high percentage of individual scorable damage, however the number of fruit actually showing that damage was low

ITEM 3: COUNTY GRANT AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

Mr. Steve Patton reviewed the attachment "2012-2013 Citrus Cooperative Agreement County Proposal Summary". He stated that the original cooperative agreement amount

for all counties was \$560,831. The amendment for an additional \$321,080 would sustain inspections through June 30, 2013. The new total for cooperative agreements would be \$881,911.

Mr. James Sherwood expressed his concern over approving freeze inspection work through June 30, 2013. Mr. Patton clarified that this would be a worse-case scenario, and the full amendment may not be utilized. Ms. Stacey Hughes stated that freeze inspection would be an agenda item in the upcoming meeting in March, and the need to reassess the level of inspections can be discussed.

MOTION: Dr. Etienne Rabe motioned to approve the additional cooperative grant amount of \$321,080. Mr. John Elliot, Jr. seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ITEM 5: NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Tulare Agricultural Commissioner's Office on March 6, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. by Mr. Gunderson, Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted by:



Steve Patton, Chief
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