



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
CALIFORNIA CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)
April 29, 2014 Meeting Minutes
Teleconference**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gus Gunderson, Chairman
Keeley Bramer, Vice Chair
John Gless
Scott Woods
Michael Stark
Mark Golden
Curtis Holmes
Seth Wollenman
Al Bates

INTERESTED PARTIES

Gavin Iacono, Tulare County
Marilyn Kinoshita, Tulare County
Fred Rinder, Fresno County
Scotti Walker, Fresno County
Jennifer Stilwell, Kern County
Ron Bray, Riverside County
Ed Williams, Los Angeles County

CDFA

Steve Patton
Stacey Hughes
Sarah Cardoni

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Hines

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

The Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Gus Gunderson, Chairman. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Mark Golden moved to approve the March 27, 2014 Meeting Minutes, as submitted. Mr. John Gless seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3: COUNTY FREEZE EXPENSE AND INSPECTION UPDATE THROUGH MARCH 2014

Fresno County reported that they will not exceed their cooperative agreement. Staffing has been reduced and inspectors are not seeing as much non-compliances, however they are still finding freeze damage. There were 23 rejections in March and by variety they were as follows: 16 for navels; 4 for mandarins; and 3 for lemons. There were 85 rejections in January and 36 rejections in February, so the number of rejections is declining. Inspections will continue with the current staffing level and expenses will not exceed the current amended cooperative agreement.

Kern County reported that they have approximately \$46,000 remaining on their amended cooperative agreement. Staffing has been reduced due to the shutdown of a majority of the sheds. Currently, inspectors are conducting spot checks rather than full-time inspections. There will be funds remaining on the amended cooperative agreement.

Riverside County reported that their workload has decreased and that they will use the \$2,600 that they have remaining on their cooperative agreement for April.

Tulare County reported that there were funds still remaining on their cooperative agreement. March expenses were \$81,000 and expenses for April will be approximately \$50,000 to \$55,000. The workload has slightly decreased, although inspectors are still having issues with fruit.

After taking into account the reports from the counties, it was determined that the Citrus Program may have approximately \$200,000 in funds remaining.

Mr. Mark Golden questioned if the counties should continue cutting into May for Valencia's.

Fresno County reported that they have been cutting Valencia's and the highest freeze damage seen was 11%. Mr. Ed Williams from Los Angeles County found at one of their repackers a Lot of Valencia's that had 39% freeze damage.

ITEM 4: ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Counties were asked to seek additional funding. At this time additional funding is no longer needed because funds remain on current amended cooperative agreements. Counties can conduct inspections into June.

ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM 6: NEXT MEETING

The Freeze Subcommittee and the Regulatory Subcommittee meetings will be held on June 10, 2014, in Tulare County. The next CCAC meeting will be held July 22, 2014, in Tulare County.

ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



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