



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
CALIFORNIA CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)
December 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes
Teleconference**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brett Kirkpatrick, Chairman
Gus Gunderson, Vice Chair
Etienne Rabe
James Sherwood
Franco Bernardi
Keeley Bramer
David Hines
Seth Wollenman

INTERESTED PARTIES

Kathryn Hogan, Hogan Citrus Ranches
Manuel Villicana, Kern County
Kerry Dufrain, Ventura County
Gavin Iacono, Tulare County
Jennifer Stilwill, Kern County
Scotti Walker, Fresno County
Ron Bray, Riverside County
Michelle Thom, Santa Clara County

CDFA

Rick Jensen
Steve Patton
Susan Shelton
Stacey Hughes
Sarah Cardoni

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Eliot, Jr.
Mark Golden
Ron Matik
John Gless

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

The Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Brett Kirkpatrick, Chairperson. Roll was called, a quorum was established, and introductions were made.

ITEM 2: REGULATION UPDATE

Mr. Patton provided the Regulation Update Report. He stated that a regulatory package for the proposed regulation change to the California Standard was returned to CDFA for changes. The California Standard is a maturity standard exclusively for navels. The requested changes required an additional 15-day public comment period. Once the public comment period ends, public comments received will be addressed, and the regulation package will be resubmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). If OAL approves the regulation change, the new standard would become effective April 1, 2012.

ITEM 3: COUNTY ENFORCEMENT RESULTS

Ms. Jennifer Stilwill, Kern County, stated that Kern County has inspected 496,707 containers. There was one rejection in the field on December 6, 2011, which was approximately 2,304 boxes. The county has expended \$42,588 dollars, which is 36.7% of the county contract.

Mr. Gavin Iacono, Tulare County, stated that for October and November, Tulare County has tested 937,250 containers. There were ten rejections that were all from the packinghouse. The county has expended \$72,175 dollars, which is 40% of the county contract. He stated that inspectors have been seeing some very low tests.

Ms. Scotti Walker, Fresno County, stated that Fresno County conducted 677 maturity inspections. There were ten disposal orders; seven of those were dumped to juice. The county expended \$43,514 dollars, which is 20% of the county contract. She stated that inspectors have been seeing low tests in Fresno County as well.

Ms. Kerry Dufrain, Ventura County, stated that Ventura County has inspected 4,992 containers. There have been no rejections. The county has expended \$2,922 dollars, which is 26% of the county contract.

Mr. Ron Bray, Riverside County, stated that Riverside County inspected 122,450 containers. There were 81 maturity tests conducted. Two tests scored below standard, one in November and the other in December. Both loads were held for four days, reconditioned, and passed when tested. The county has expended \$8,549 dollars, which is 40% of the county contract.

Mr. Patton stated that San Bernardino County inspected 1,900 containers. There were no rejections. The county has expended \$126 dollars, which is 3.5% of the county contract.

Ms. Michelle Thom, Santa Clara County, stated that Santa Clara County inspected 39,000 containers. There were no rejections. She stated that a little less than 40% of the county contract has been expended.

ITEM 4: REDUCING COUNTY HOURS FOR MATURITY SEASON

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that counties should continue to conduct maturity inspections. The Committee agreed that testing should continue.

Mr. Patton stated that this is a mandatory maturity program and that the counties will continue to test at their discretion. It is for that reason that the Committee cannot set an official date for counties to cease maturity testing.

ITEM 5: NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in March 2012. Should there be any freeze issues, there will be a teleconference set for January 2012.

ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m. by Mr. Kirkpatrick, Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted by:



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