



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)  
CALIFORNIA CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)  
December 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes - Continuation  
Teleconference**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Gus Gunderson  
Keeley Bramer  
Scott Woods  
Al Bates  
Michael Stark  
John Gless  
Mark Golden  
Curtis Holmes

**INTERESTED PARTIES**

Tulare County  
Ventura County  
Fresno County  
Kern County  
Riverside County  
Dave Dewalt, NASS

**CDFA**

Steve Patton  
Rick Jensen  
Susan Shelton  
Stacey Hughes  
Vanessa Coleman

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Seth Wollenman  
David Hines

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL**

The Committee was called to order and the meeting continued at 1:00 p.m. by Mr. Steve Patton. Roll was called, a quorum was established.

**ITEM 2: MATURITY INSPECTION AND EXPENSE UPDATE FROM COUNTIES**

This item was discussed previously and decided that maturity testing would end on December 15, 2013.

**ITEM 3: CONTINUATION OF MATURITY TESTING**

N/A

**ITEM 4: FREEZE TEMPERATURES AND FREEZE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT PLANS**

An e-mail was sent to all counties to send in their damage count. Comments made on the topic are as followed:

Fresno – The county had written five non-compliances with 12,131 cartons to juice.

Kern – The county had reported that sheds are now running post-freeze fruit, and has written 2-3 disposal orders.

Tulare – The county has issued 12 red tags, 8,400+ cartons were rejected, 430 bins being held and will most likely will be sent to be juiced.

Santa Clara – The county has 8 lots, and all look good.

Riverside County – The county has inspected central valley fruit, they have cut 30 lots. The county has not seen post-freeze fruit, and 1 lot showed damage.

Ventura County – All of their fruit comes from Kern County. Lemons were showing signs of damage but have not reached the tolerance level.

#### **ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENT**

##### **Freeze Damage Assessment Plans**

The counties will need to come up with the amount of money spent on Maturity & Freeze. The counties will need to provide a dollar amount of what they will need to continue the inspections. The counties will need to provide the figures by January.

##### **48 Hour Lift on Freeze**

A discussion ensued regarding if the forty-eight hour hold should be lifted. It was ultimately decided the hold should continue for the time being as it will give the counties the time to inspect all houses and fruit. This topic will be discussed again at the next meeting.

##### **Acreage Survey**

Rick Jensen stated that if NASS continues with the OM survey, they will be conducting training in January. Approximately \$100,000 for this project has been contracted but not yet spent. CCAC will be discussing and deciding if this survey should move forward at the next meeting on December 23, 2013.

#### **ITEM 6: NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held via teleconference on Monday, December 23, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.

#### **ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mr. Mark Golden moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. John Gless seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. by Mr. Gunderson, Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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