



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
CALIFORNIA CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)
February 26, 2014 Meeting Minutes
Teleconference**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Curtis Holmes
Al Bates
Keeley Bramer
Seth Wollenman
David Hines
Curtis Holmes
Mark Golden
Michael Stark

INTERESTED PARTIES

Gavin Iacono, Tulare County
Scotti Walker, Fresno County
Steve Schweser, Kings County
Jennifer Stilwell, Kern County
Ron Bray, Riverside County
Michelle Thom, Santa Clara County
Bob Blakely, CA Citrus Mutual

CDFA

Steve Patton
Stacey Hughes
Danielle Chapman
Sarah Cardoni

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gus Gunderson
John Gless
Scott Woods

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

The Committee was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mr. Steve Patton. Roll was called and a quorum was not established. A quorum was established at 1:45 p.m.

ITEM 2: FUND CONDITION

Available recourses and freeze inspection expenditures were discussed. Maturity agreements have been spent. Approximately \$450,000 will be available for next year. The Committee discussed how much funding should be available for the next crop year.

ITEM 3: CONTINUATION OF FREEZE INSPECTION

Counties provided freeze inspection updates for their county.

ITEM 4: ASSESSMENT INCREASE

The Committee discussed the need to increase assessment rates in order to rebuild the freeze reserve.

MOTION: Mr. Mark Golden motioned to increase assessment rates to the maximum allowed by statute to become effective October 2014. Mr. Michael Stark seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Golden motioned to allow up to \$220,000 in funding for Fresno and Tulare County for freeze inspection activities. Mr. Stark seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

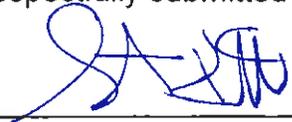
ITEM 6: NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be held in Tulare on March 27, 2014. Agenda items will include the approval of county cooperative agreements and the program budget.

ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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