



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
CALIFORNIA CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)
January 31, 2012 Meeting Minutes
Continuance of January 26, 2012 Meeting
Teleconference**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brett Kirkpatrick, Chairman
Gus Gunderson, Vice Chair
Etienne Rabe
James Sherwood
Franco Bernardi
Keeley Bramer
Mark Golden
Seth Wollenman
John Eliot, Jr.
John Gless
David Hines

INTERESTED PARTIES

Gavin Iacono, Tulare County
Scott Cornett, Tulare County
Manuel Villicana, Kern County
Jennifer Stilwill, Kern County
Scotti Walker, Fresno County
Fred Rinder, Fresno County
Carol Hafner, Fresno County
Ron Bray, Riverside County
Kerry Dufrain, Ventura County

CDFA

Rick Jensen
Steve Patton
Andrew Valero
Stacey Hughes
Sarah Cardoni

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ron Matik

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

Mr. Brett Kirkpatrick, Chairperson, reconvened the January 26, 2012 meeting at 10:02 a.m. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

ITEM 2: FREEZE UPDATE

Mr. Kirkpatrick gave an overview of the January 26, 2012 meeting and the reason it was recessed. He stated that there was a consensus among the Committee that a non-major freeze event had occurred. The Committee desired a protocol on how non-major freeze events will be determined in the future. There was also agreement among the Committee that an objective measurement of the amount of freeze damage by region and commodity was needed. He stated that non-major freeze events will occur in the future and a protocol for objective measurement must be established.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that this year the maturity program was still in place so that freeze monitoring was able to occur simultaneously. In the event that the maturity program had ceased prior to a non-major freeze event, the Committee must have direction as to how to proceed with advising counties to check for freeze damage. The Committee needs to be made aware of how much money counties are utilizing to conduct non-major freeze activities. Furthermore, a formal process to allow counties to request additional funds from the Committee to continue freeze monitoring should be implemented.

Mr. Steve Patton stated that traditionally for county contracts the Program requested an additional ten percent for the maturity program in order to check for freeze damage if necessary. Due to the fact that county estimates were tightened up, the ten percent is no longer added into the county contracts under the maturity program.

Mr. Patton stated that the Committee asked the Program to come up with a more objective measure. The Freeze Cutting Assessment Protocol for County Inspection of Pre-graded Citrus at Various Citrus Packing Facility document was disseminated to counties and the Committee. This document stated that the assessment shall include 100-33 fruit samples. Additionally, the document outlined a procedure for counties to follow that included: the type of information that shall be collected; the tolerance and inspection procedures that are to be followed; and the timelines for inspections to be completed and reported to the Program. Mr. Patton asked the Committee for suggestions for improvements to the Freeze Cutting Assessment Protocol.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the Freeze Cutting Assessment Protocol is a good protocol for counties to follow for this short-term assessment that has been requested by the Committee.

Mr. Andrew Valero stated that he is working on a more in-depth protocol for future non-major freeze events. This would include protocols of trigger events of when this type of additional survey would need to occur.

Mr. Kirkpatrick asked counties if the Freeze Cutting Assessment Protocol could be implemented in a timely manner with minimal expenditures. All counties responded that the procedure could be implemented as requested by the Committee.

After discussion amongst the Committee regarding the county freeze inspection form, it was noted that there was no column for the production county of the sample to be identified. The form should be amended to include that information so that counties can focus on problem areas. Counties agreed that in some instances the growing location is unidentified. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that counties could record unknown on the form if that were the case.

MOTION: Mr. Mark Golden motioned to accept the Freeze Cutting Assessment Protocol as proposed along with the amendment of the county freeze inspection form to include the county origin. Mr. Gus Gunderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3: REGULATION UPDATE

This agenda item was discussed during the January 26, 2012 meeting.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ITEM 5: NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference on February 17, 2012.

ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m. by Mr. Kirkpatrick, Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sarah Cardoni", is written over a horizontal line.

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