



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
CALIFORNIA CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)
November 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes
701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brett Kirkpatrick, Chairman
Gus Gunderson, Vice Chair
Etienne Rabe
James Sherwood
Ron Matik
Keeley Bramer
David Hines
Seth Wollenman
John Gless

INTERESTED PARTIES

Vic Tolomeo, USDA NASS
Adam Wosoba, USDA NASS
Scott Cornett, Tulare County
Scotti Walker, Fresno County
Bob Salcedo, CA Citrus Growers Assoc.

CDFA

Steve Patton
Susan Shelton
Andrew Valero
Sarah Cardoni
Stacey Hughes

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Golden
Franco Bernardi
John Eliot, Jr.

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

The Committee was called to order at 10:36 a.m. by Mr. Brett Kirkpatrick, Chairperson. Roll was called, a quorum was established, and introductions were made.

ITEM 2: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Steve Patton opened the floor for nominations for chairman and vice chair.

MOTION: Mr. Ron Matik motioned to nominate Mr. Kirkpatrick to serve again as chairman. Dr. Etienne Rabe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Dr. Rabe motioned to nominate Mr. Gus Gunderson to serve as vice chairman. Mr. Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF AUGUST 18, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Rabe noted a correction under ITEM 5: AG STATISTICS in the first paragraph. He stated that it would take at least three to five years to develop a statistical model, not to complete the project as it is stated.

MOTION: Mr. Matik motioned and Mr. Gunderson seconded to approve the August 18, 2011 Meeting Minutes, as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4: COMMITTEE VACANCIES AND TERMS

Ms. Sarah Cardoni provided the Committee Vacancies and Terms Report. She stated that there were currently no vacancies on the Committee. Members whose terms will be expiring on September 30, 2012, and are eligible for reappointment, are Mr. Franco Bernardi, Mr. Gus Gunderson, Mr. John Gless, and Mr. Seth Wollenman. Mr. Brett Kirkpatrick and Mr. Ron Matik are currently serving their fourth consecutive two-year term and will not be eligible for reappointment.

ITEM 5: CASH STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Steve Patton provided the Cash Status Update Report. The Citrus Program Fiscal Year 2010/11 Fund Condition document was discussed. As of June 30, 2011, the grand total operating reserve was \$1,578,857 dollars. This should remain around this level given that there has not been a freeze and no monies have needed to be taken out due in part by the Committee's lowering of the assessments.

Mr. Kirkpatrick added that in the event there is a freeze, the reserve would most likely be exhausted. He stated that there were concerns of how quickly the reserve could be brought back to an adequate level. The Committee's ability to adjust the assessments assisted in how quickly the reserve was replenished. The Committee subsequently lowered the assessments once it reached an adequate level. The Committee has the ability to raise the assessments if needed.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that a subcommittee, whose goal was to determine accurate mil assessments for each commodity based on services delivered, determined the recently changed citrus assessments. Current citrus assessments are as follows: navels at 6 mils; Valencias at 6 mils; mandarins at 1 mil; and lemons at 1 mil.

ITEM 6: COUNTY REPORTS ON MATURITY

Mr. Scott Cornett, Tulare County, stated that maturity is looking good in Tulare County. Since the beginning of the season, the county had approximately five or six red tags in which all subsequently passed. He stated that the county is not conducting field-testing.

Ms. Scotti Walker, Fresno County, stated that before October 30, 2011, Fresno County only had one maturity test that was under eight percent on the soluble solids to acid ratio test. Between November 1, 2011, and November 6, 2011, there were ten tests that were under. There were six red tags; all but one load was dumped to juice.

ITEM 7: CALIFORNIA STANDARD UPDATE

Mr. Patton provided the California Standard Update Report. He stated that the regulatory package for the proposed change to the California Standard, which is a maturity standard exclusively for navels, has been submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). OAL has thirty days to review the regulation package and that review period will end on December 7, 2011. At that point, OAL can make the decision to accept the regulation change, which would make the regulation change

effective thirty days upon filing with the Secretary of State. OAL could reject the proposal. Or, OAL could give the regulation package back to the Department for changes.

ITEM 8: NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

ITEM 9: NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on December 14, 2011, via teleconference.

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Matik motioned and Mr. Wollenman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

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

Sarah Cardoni, Office Technician
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Inspection Services