



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
STANDARDIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STDZ)
October 2, 2013 Meeting Minutes
4437 South Laspina Street, Tulare, CA 93274**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Louis Pandol
Chris Crivelli
Ruben Arroyo

MEMBERS ABSENT

Garret Patricio
Derek Vaughn
Eric Lauritzen

INTERESTED PARTIES

Steve Schweizer, Kings Co.
Dennis Bray, Alameda Co.
Scotti Walker, Fresno Co.
Fred Rinder, Fresno Co.
Manuel Villinaca, Kern.Co.
Tom Reed, San Joaquin Co.
Scott Cornett, Tulare Co.
Rich Ordonez, Monterey Co.
Ron Bray, Riverside Co.
Richard Holbert, Stanislaus Co.

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Steve Patton
Stacey Hughes
Mario Cortez
Sarah Cardoni

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

Mr. Steve Patton called the Committee to order at 10:02 a.m. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM 3: COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Ms. Sarah Cardoni provided an overview of Committee vacancies. The Committee shall be composed of members who have a financial interest, either personal or through their employment, in a commodity represented. Member vacancies include: two fresh fruit members representing oranges, other fresh fruit, or table grapes; one other fresh fruit member representing and fresh fruit commodity subject to standardization assessments; four fresh vegetable members representing broccoli, lettuce, or tomatoes; and two other fresh vegetable members who represent any fresh vegetable commodity subject to standardization assessments.

ITEM 4: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Patton opened the floor for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman.

MOTION: Mr. Chris Crivelli nominated Mr. Garrett Patricio to serve as Chairman. Mr. Louis Pandol seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Crivelli nominated Mr. Pandol to serve as Vice Chairman. Mr. Pandol seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF MARCH 28, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Crivelli moved to approve the March 28, 2013 Meeting Meetings, as corrected. Mr. Pandol seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 6: STATE REPORTS

A. Budget Update

Ms. Stacey Hughes provided an overview of the STDZ Program budget. The beginning balance on July 1, 2012, was \$2,422,616. Total revenue received for FY 2012/13 was \$1,772,280, which is a 4% increase from the prior year. Total expenditures were \$1,401,936, of which \$683,498 was paid to counties who had cooperative agreements. The ending cash balance was \$2,960,838 .

B. Regulation Update

Mr. Patton provided an update of proposed regulation changes that affect the standardization industry. The Department received a request for a standard container for melons other than cantaloupe that will be adopted and in effect prior to the start of next season.

C. Audit Update

Ms. Hughes provided an overview of three audits that were conducted by the Market Enforcement Branch. These audits were performed on handlers to ensure correct payment of assessments. The three audits that were conducted were all citrus related. The audit results were as follows: one underpayment of standardization assessments; one underpayment of citrus assessments; and one underpayment of assessments to the Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services Asian Citrus Psyllid Program. Planned for next year are audits for cherries, citrus, grapes, melons, and lettuce.

D. Program Update

Ms. Hughes provided a program update. Two seasonal inspectors have been hired and will be shadowing state inspection staff. The Program hired a person for training needs in July. In the works are trainings for six commodities, which are pomegranates, table grapes, cantaloupes, honeydew, watermelon, and navel orange. Training objectives include improving training presentations, improving classroom sessions, and making commodity trainings available online that will tie in with the seasonal examinations and certifications. The Program's goal is to have the new training material available to the counties by next spring. Lastly, the STDZ Program database project has had delays and is projected to be in place by the end of 2014. The database will allow for online assessment calculation tool to assist industry and will allow for credit card payments.

ITEM 7: COUNTY ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

Discussed was the standardization county enforcement reports for the FY 2012/13 for Alameda, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Merced, Monterey, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tulare, Ventura, and Yolo counties.

ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

ITEM 9: NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be held in February or March 2014. Agenda items will include the STDZ Program budget and county cooperative agreements.

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m. by Mr. Pandol, Vice Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted by:



Stacey Hughes, Program Supervisor
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