

California Department of Food & Agriculture

Minutes

of the Joint Meeting / Conference Call
of the Pierce's Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board
and Pierce's Disease Advisory Task Force
Held on Friday, January 25, 2019
CDFA Gateway Oaks Facility
2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Room 267, Sacramento, CA 95833

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Pam Bond, Greg Coleman, Robert Crudup, William Drayton, Randy Heinzen, Keith Horn, Ryan Metzler, Domonic Rossini

Members Absent: Jeff Bitter, Bill Hammond, Trey Irwin, Jim Ledbetter, Steve McIntyre

PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Members Present: Deborah Golino, David House*, Humberto Izquierdo, Jean-Mari Peltier, Judy Zaninovich

Members Absent: Kevin Andrew, Cathy Fisher, Beth Stone-Smith

OTHER ATTENDEES

John Aguirre, Tom Esser, Ken Freeze, Craig Hanes, Kapua Kahumoku, Michael Miiller (CAWG), Mike Miller (Brown-Miller), Stacie Oswald, Ted Rieger, Karen Ross, Tim Schmelzer, Nicole Shorter, Roger Spencer, Jay Van Rein, Sean Veling, Myrna Villegas, Bob Wynn

*Denotes attendance via conference call

CALL TO ORDER

Pierce's Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (PD/GWSS) Board Chair Ryan Metzler called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Bob Wynn, CDFA Statewide Coordinator, conducted the roll call for the PD/GWSS Board (Board) and the PD Advisory Task Force (Task Force). Quorums were present for the Board and the Task Force. Ryan Metzler, Board Chair, then asked for introductions of other attendees and guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Bob Wynn introduced two new Board members, Randy Heinzen and William Drayton. Randy Heinzen is the President of Vineyard Professional Services, Inc., and is replacing John Crossland. Randy will be representing the Central Coast.

William Drayton is the Director of Viticulture & Research Winemaking with Treasury Wine Estates. He is replacing Drew Johnson and will be representing the North Coast.

Following the introductions, CDFA Secretary Karen Ross briefly talked about the Department's current activities, as well as the passing of Ben Drake and his contributions to the agricultural industry.

She then presented Bob Wynn with a Legislative Resolution, signed by Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Chair - Select Committee on Wine, for his many years of dedicated service to agriculture, the Department of Food and Agriculture, and California. This is Bob Wynn's last meeting, as he will be retiring from state service.

Secretary Ross also presented Ken Freeze of Brown-Miller Communications with a Certificate of Appreciation. Ken is retiring from Brown-Miller Communications after 25 years. Ken has been working in partnership with the Board & Task Force for the last 15 years on outreach and education activities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chair Ryan Metzler asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings held on June 19, 2018, November 5, 2018, and November 29, 2018.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the June 19, 2018, November 5, 2018, and November 29, 2018 meeting minutes.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Keith Horn Second: Pam Bond
In Favor: Bond, Coleman, Crudup, Drayton, Heinzen, Horn, Metzler, Rossini
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bitter, Hammond, Irwin, Ledbetter, McIntyre

Statewide Coordinator Bob Wynn asked the Task Force for a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings held on June 19, 2018, November 5, 2018, and November 29, 2018.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Task Force to approve the minutes from the meetings on June 19, 2018, November 5, 2018, and November 29, 2018.

Details of Task Force Vote

Motion: Deborah Golino Second: Judy Zaninovich
In Favor: Golino, House*, Izquierdo, Peltier, Zaninovich
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Andrew, Fisher, Stone-Smith

NEXT MEETING

The next Board and Task Force meeting was set for Monday April 29, 2019, in Sacramento and will begin at 10:00 am. It will be held at the CDFA Gateway Oaks office located at 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive in Sacramento.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nomination Committee members announced the nominations for the new Board officers. The committee consisted of Pam Bond, Keith Horn, and Ryan Metzler. The committee nominated the following new Board officers:

Chair: Keith Horn
Vice-Chair: Domonic Rossini
Treasurer: William Drayton

ELECTION OF PD/GWSS BOARD OFFICERS

Board Chair Ryan Metzler asked the Board members to vote on the recommendation from the Nomination Committee on the new Board officers.

Chair: Keith Horn
Vice-Chair: Domonic Rossini
Treasurer: William Drayton

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the nominations recommended by the Nomination Committee.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Greg Coleman Second: Robert Crudup
In Favor: Bond, Coleman, Crudup, Drayton, Heinzen, Horn, Metzler, Rossini
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bitter, Hammond, Irwin, Ledbetter, McIntyre

Following the vote, Bob Wynn presented outgoing Board Chair Ryan Metzler with a Certificate of Appreciation, signed by Secretary Karen Ross, for his contributions and services as the Board Chair. Bob then presented a Certificate of Appreciation to David House for his contributions and services to the Task Force.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Bob Wynn, CDFA Statewide Coordinator, spoke about the three current vacancies on the Board. One of the vacancies is for the Southern district and the other two are for the Central Valley. In addition, he discussed the Task Force membership and its representation as well.

BOARD AND TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Kapua Kahumoku, PDCP Associate Governmental Program Analyst, briefly discussed Board and Task Force membership requirements, which include taking Ethics training and filing an annual Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) with the Fair Political Practices Commission.

Tom Esser, PDCP Environmental Program Manager (EPM) I, then discussed a recent amendment to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act dealing with teleconferencing.

PDCP FISCAL UPDATE

USDA Program Director Beth Stone-Smith was not in attendance because of the Federal government shutdown.

PDCP EPM II Roger Spencer presented the financial update for the PDCP. With the current government shutdown, the program's total federal funding for the year was not yet known. He went over PDCP revenues and expenditures for fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19, along with projected total expenditures.

Tom Esser presented the fiscal update for the Board for fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19. He reported that assessment collection figures were not available because of the federal shutdown but the assessment checks were being collected and deposited.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATING SPOTTED LANTERN FLY

Sean Veling, PDCP Senior Environmental Scientist, made a presentation on the spotted lantern fly (SLF). He said the SLF is a threat to many fruit crops and trees and is currently present in seven states in the eastern U.S. After discussion, the PDCP was asked to fill out the designation checklist and provide an update to the Board and Task Force at the next meeting.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION UPDATE

Ken Freeze of Brown-Miller Communications provided an update on outreach and education activities. He then talked about events and trade shows attended since the last meeting. This included attending the Unified Wine & Grape Symposium, Pierce's Disease Research Symposium, and the California Association of Pest Control Advisers Conference. Ken then showed a video about Andy Walker's research and discussed David Gilchrist's gene stacking field trial.

AREA-WIDE PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

None

PDCP STAFF REPORTS

PDCP Staff provided updates on the latest activities within the program, including the nursery program and rapid response and treatment activities.

OTHER ITEMS

Tom Esser reported on the 2018 Pierce's Disease Research Symposium, which was held in San Diego on December 18-19, 2018. The symposium highlighted research progress on winegrape pests and diseases.

Michael Müller, California Association of Winegrape Growers, discussed Senate Bill 449, authored by Senator Mike McGuire. This bill would extend the sunset dates for the Pierce's Disease Control Program, the Board and Task Force, and the PD/GWSS winegrape assessment.

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Ryan Metzler adjourned the meeting for both the Board and the Task Force at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on April 22, 2019 by

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