

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 Monday, April 23, 2018
UC Davis – Foundation Plant Services
Trinchero Family Estates Building
501 Hopkins Rd., Davis, CA 95616

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Pam Bond, Greg Coleman, John Crossland, Robert Crudup, Nat DiBuduo, Trey Irwin, Drew Johnson, Steve McIntyre, Ryan Metzler, Domonic Rossini, Steve Schafer

Members Absent: Ben Drake, Bill Hammond, Keith Horn, Jim Ledbetter

PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Members Present: Greg Clark, Nat DiBuduo, Cathy Fisher, Deborah Golino, David House*, Drew Johnson, Beth Stone-Smith, Judy Zaninovich*

Members Absent: Kevin Andrew, Jim Cranney, Ben Drake, Richard Mounts

OTHER ATTENDEES

Alan Bennett, Tyler Blackney, Chris Bock, Pete Downs, Tom Esser, Craig Hanes, Kapua Kahumoku, Michael Miiller (CAWG), Mike Miller (Brown-Miller), Stacie Oswald, Ted Rieger, Nicole Shorter, Roger Spencer, 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 10:02 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. Task Force member, Nat DiBuduo, sat in as Chair for the Advisory Task Force during this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chair Ryan Metzler asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 22, 2018.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 22, 2018.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: John Crossland Second: Trey Irwin
In Favor: Coleman, Crossland, Crudup, DiBuduo, Irwin, Johnson, McIntyre, Metzler,
Rossini, Schafer
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bond*, Drake, Hammond, Horn, Ledbetter

*Member was not present during the vote

Acting Task Force Chair Nat DiBuduo asked the Task Force for a motion to approve the minutes from the last five joint PD/GWSS Board and Advisory Task Force Meetings. The dates are April 24, 2017, May 31, 2017, June 19, 2017, October 17, 2017 and January 22, 2018.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Task Force to approve the minutes from the last five meetings as listed above.

Details of Task Force Vote

Motion: Judy Zaninovich* Second: Greg Clark
In Favor: Clark, DiBuduo, Golino, House*, Johnson, Stone-Smith, Zaninovich*
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Andrew, Cranney, Fisher*, Mounts

*Member was not present during the vote

NEXT MEETING

The next Board and Task Force meeting was set for June 19, 2018, 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.

FISCAL UPDATES

USDA Program Director Beth Stone-Smith reported on the federal funding for the Program. She said the federal budget was signed on March 23, 2018 and the intent is to fund the Pierce's Disease Control Program (PDCP) at \$15,574,754, which is the same amount as in the previous fiscal year. During the discussion she answered questions about future funding and areawide treatments.

PDCP Environmental Program Manager II Roger Spencer presented the financial update for the PDCP. He went over PDCP revenues and expenditures for state fiscal years 2016-17 and 2017-18 along with projected total expenses. In addition, he went over the \$5 million allocation in state general funds that was received at the beginning of the 2017-18 fiscal year. He discussed usage and answered questions regarding rapid response funding, Board funded projects, and future funding.

PDCP Environmental Program Manager I Tom Esser then presented the fiscal update for the Board. He talked about how the expenditures for FY 2017-18 and future years would be affected by the one-time \$5 million in state general funds.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OVERVIEW

Dr. Alan Bennett from PIPRA (Public Intellectual Property Resource for Agriculture) talked to the members about the terms and conditions regarding intellectual property and how they applied to research tools, research end tools, and commercialization.

RESEARCH PROGRAM UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Steve McIntyre, Chair of the Research Screening Committee (RSC), presented the research funding recommendations of the RSC. He said a total of 27 proposals were received this year, and the RSC is recommending funding 15 of them.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend funding 15 research projects at an amount not to exceed \$3,897,175* over the next three fiscal years.

(*The actual amount to be determined by the outcome of negotiations between CDFA and UC on indirect cost charges.)

Details of Task Force Vote

Motion: Nat DiBuduo Second: Pam Bond
In Favor: Bond, Coleman, Crossland, Crudup, DiBuduo, Irwin, Johnson, McIntyre, Metzler, Rossini, Schafer
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Drake, Hammond, Horn, Ledbetter

The Board then voted to recommend establishing a contract with the University of California to support the Board's annual request for, and review of, research proposals in fiscal year 2018-19.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to establish a contract with the University of California to support the Board's annual request for, and review of, research proposals in fiscal year 2018-19. The total amount of the contract would not exceed \$100,000.

Details of Task Force Vote

Motion: Domic Rossini Second: Drew Johnson
In Favor: Bond, Coleman, Crossland, Crudup, DiBuduo, Irwin, Johnson, McIntyre, Metzler, Rossini, Schafer
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Drake, Hammond, Horn, Ledbetter

OUTREACH & EDUCATION UPDATE

Nicole Shorter of Brown-Miller Communications provided an update on outreach and education activities. This included the winter newsletter, monthly e-newsletter, PD website and social media pages, Info-graphics display, and tradeshow.

AREA-WIDE PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

Beth Stone-Smith provided updates on the area-wide programs in Fresno, Madera, Kern, Riverside, and Tulare counties. This included information on trap catches and insecticide treatments in each program area.

PDCP STAFF REPORTS

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

STATUS OF ANDY WALKER PD RESISTANT VINES

Dr. Andy Walker gave an update on the status of his PD-resistant grapevines. He said that five varieties were pre-released to nurseries in April 2017. The nurseries are working on propagating them while UC works on the patents.

OTHER ITEMS

N/A

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Ryan Metzler adjourned the meeting for both the Board and the Task Force at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on June 11, 2018 by

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