

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, June 17, 2019

CDFA Gateway Oaks Facility at 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Room 267, Sacramento, CA 95833

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Jeff Bitter, Pam Bond, Greg Coleman, Will Drayton, Bill Hammond,
Randy Heinzen, Keith Horn, Trey Irwin, Jim Ledbetter, Domonic
Rossini

Members Absent: Robert Crudup, Steve McIntyre*

PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Members Present: Cathy Fisher, Humberto Izquierdo, Jean-Mari Peltier, Beth Stone-Smith,
Judy Zaninovich

Members Absent: Kevin Andrew, Deborah Golino

OTHER ATTENDEES

Tyler Blackney, Chris Bock, Pete Downs, Tom Esser, Jim Farrar, Craig Hanes,
Mark Harrington, Kapua Kahumoku, Toby Leonard, Michael Miiller, Stacie Oswald, Ted
Rieger, Nicole Shorter, Roger Spencer, Sean Veling, Myrna Villegas

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votes or discussions.

CALL TO ORDER

PD/GWSS Board Chairperson Keith Horn called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Roger Spencer, Acting Statewide Coordinator, conducted the roll call for the PD/GWSS Board
(Board) and the PD Advisory Task Force (Task Force). Quorums were present for both the Board
and the Task Force. Chairperson Keith Horn then asked for introductions of other attendees and
guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chairperson Keith Horn asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 29, 2019.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 29, 2019.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Bill Hammond Second: Trey Irwin
In Favor: Bitter, Bond, Coleman, Drayton, Hammond, Heinzen, Horn,
Irwin, Ledbetter, Rossini
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Crudup, McIntyre*

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Board Chairperson Keith Horn then asked the Task Force for a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings held on January 25, 2019 and April 29, 2019.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Task Force to approve the minutes from the meetings held on January 25, 2019 and April 29, 2019.

Details of Task Force Vote

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

NEXT MEETING

The next Board and Task Force meeting was set for Wednesday, November 13, 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.

FISCAL UPDATES

USDA Program Director Beth Stone-Smith reported briefly on the federal funding for the Program. Federal funding has not changed since the last meeting.

Acting Statewide Coordinator Roger Spencer presented the financial update for the PDCP. He provided a detailed outline of the PDCP revenues and current and projected expenditures for FY 2018-19 and the projected budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year. He said the federal shutdown and uncertainties about federal funding required the Program be cautious regarding expenditures during fiscal year 2018-19.

PDCP Environmental Program Manager (EPM) I Tom Esser presented the fiscal update for the Board. He reported the FY 2018-19 revenues from the assessment and earned interest and the current and projected expenditures.

RESEARCH PROGRAM UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Steve McIntyre talked about the New Mexico Consortium (NMC), a nonprofit organization which may soon be submitting a research proposal to the Board for funding consideration. The research would be a joint project with a private company called Innate Immunity LLC. During the discussion the topics of public benefit, royalties, and the process for handling out-of-cycle proposals were mentioned.

Steve McIntyre also reported that two research proposals were being brought back for funding consideration by the Board. The proposals were considered for funding at the April 2019 meeting, but the Board wanted to wait and see if another organization would fund them. Both proposals were for research on grapevine red blotch virus, by researchers at Oregon State University, Corvallis (Dr. Michael Qian and Dr. Vaughn Walton).

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend funding two red blotch virus research proposals; one by Dr. Michael Qian at Oregon State University, Corvallis totaling \$109,512 over two fiscal years, and one by Dr. Vaughn Walton at Oregon State University, Corvallis for one year for \$47,000.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Greg Coleman Second: Domonic Rossini
In Favor: Bitter, Bod, Coleman, Drayton, Hammond, Heinzen, Horn, Irwin,
Ledbetter, Rossini
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Crudup, McIntyre*

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PD/GWSS BOARD BUDGET FOR FY 2019-20

Tom Esser presented the proposed Board budget for FY 2019-20 along with background information and documents. The proposed budget consisted of items that were approved at previous meetings and new items for consideration at this meeting. New items included PDCP rapid response operations, agricultural supplies, administration, and a contingency for county backfill. The discussion about the budget mainly focused on contingency amounts that are needed to address possible funding shortfalls during the fiscal year.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend a budget totaling \$6,339,074 for Fiscal Year 2019-20. This budget includes items that were previously approved, totaling \$3,170,876, and new items that were recommended for approval at this meeting, totaling \$3,168,198.

Details of Board Vote

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

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CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Board Chairperson Keith Horn adjourned the meeting for both the Board and the Task Force at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on June 19, 2019 by

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