

**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 19, 2017

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

**PD/GWSS BOARD**

Members Present: Pam Bond, John Crossland, Robert Crudup\*, Nat DiBuduo\*, Ben Drake, Drew Johnson, Jim Ledbetter, Ryan Metzler, Domonic Rossini

Members Absent: Dennis Atkinson, Greg Coleman, Bill Hammond, Keith Horn, Steve McIntyre, Steve Schafer

**PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

Members Present: Nat DiBuduo\*, Ben Drake, Cathy Fisher, David House\*, Drew Johnson, Judy Zaninovich\*

Members Absent: Kevin Andrew, Greg Clark, Jim Cranney, Deborah Golino, Richard Mounts, Beth Stone-Smith

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

Pete Downs, Tom Esser, Ken Freeze, Craig Hanes, Kapua Kahumoku, Michael Miiller (CAWG), Mike Miller (Brown-Miller), Stacie Oswald, Ted Rieger, Roger Spencer, Sean Veling, Myrna Villegas, Bob Wynn

\*Denotes attendance via conference call

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**CALL TO ORDER**

PD/GWSS Board Chairperson Pam Bond and PD Advisory Task Force Chairperson Ben Drake called the meeting to order at 10:07 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). A quorum was present for the Board but not the Task Force. Pam Bond, Board Chairperson, then asked for introductions of other attendees and guests.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Bob Wynn briefly reminded Board and Task Force members of the provisions in the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act concerning teleconferencing.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Chairperson Pam Bond asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on April 24, 2017 and May 31, 2017.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2017 and May 31, 2017 meetings.

### **Details of Board Vote**

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

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## **NEXT MEETING**

It was decided to set the date for the next meeting based on a poll sent to the Board and Task Force members. [Note: The poll results favored holding the meeting on October 17, 2017.]

## **FISCAL UPDATE**

PDCP Environmental Program Manager (EPM) II Roger Spencer presented the financial update for the PDCP. He provided a detailed outline of the PDCP revenues, current and projected expenditures for FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17, and projected budgets for the 2017-18 fiscal year. He provided the Board with two different projected budgets for FY 2017-18, one based on the PDCP receiving \$15.574 million from the federal government and the other based on the PDCP receiving \$11.835 million. Bob Wynn said the FY 2017-18 state budget might include \$5 million for the PDCP but we didn't yet know if that would happen and what restrictions would be placed on the use of those funds.

PDCP EPM I Tom Esser presented the fiscal update for the Board. He reported that this year's revenues from the assessment and earned interest were expected to be about \$4.56 million, while expenditures were anticipated to be about \$5.05 million.

## **PD/GWSS BOARD BUDGET FOR FY 2017-18**

Tom Esser presented the proposed Board budget for FY 2017-18 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 funding to cover nursery treatments in GWSS-infested areas, additional grapevine virus research, public outreach, PDCP operations, agricultural supplies, and administration. During the discussion the Board also discussed the assessment rate for the 2017 winegrape crop.

After discussions, the PD/GWSS Board took the following action:

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend to the Secretary that:
  - A budget totaling \$8,360,424 be approved as the Board's budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18. The budget includes items that were previously approved, totaling \$3,452,862 and new items that were recommended for approval at the meeting, totaling \$4,907,562.
  - The assessment rate for the 2017 winegrape crop be set at \$1.50 per \$1,000 of value.

