

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, 2018

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

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Pam Bond, Greg Coleman, Robert Crudup, Nat DiBuduo, Keith Horn,
Trey Irwin, Drew Johnson, Steve McIntyre, Domonic Rossini

Members Absent: John Crossland, Ben Drake, Bill Hammond, Jim Ledbetter, Ryan Metzler,
Steve Schafer

PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE

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

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

OTHER ATTENDEES

Pete Downs, Joseph Deviney, Tom Esser, Jim Farrar, Ken Freeze, Craig Hanes,
Kapua Kahumoku, Michael Miiller (CAWG), Stacie Oswald, Ted Rieger, Roger Spencer,
Sean Veling, Myrna Villegas, Bob Wynn

*Denotes attendance via conference call

CALL TO ORDER

PD/GWSS Board Vice Chairperson Keith Horn called the meeting to order at 10:05 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 both the Board and the Task Force. Vice Chairperson Keith Horn then asked for introductions of other attendees and guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Bob Wynn presented a certificate of appreciation to Nat DiBuduo. Nat is currently the President of Allied Grape Growers and will retire on June 30, 2018 and will no longer be a member of the Board and Task Force. Bob thanked Nat for all his service to the Board and the Task Force and wished him well in his retirement. Bob then introduced Nat's replacement, Jeff Bitter. Jeff is currently the Vice President of Allied Grape Growers and will be its next President. His appointment to the Board will be effective July 1, 2018.

Bob then introduced Santa Clara Agricultural Commissioner Joe Deviney. Joe is currently the Vice President (Agriculture) of the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA). Bob thanked him and CACASA for their continued work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Vice Chairperson Keith Horn asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 23, 2018.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 23, 2018.

Details of Board Vote

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

**Was not present at the time of voting

Task Force Member Nat DiBudo asked the Task Force for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 23, 2018.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Task Force to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 23, 2018.

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Details of Task Force Vote

Motion: Beth Stone-Smith Second: Deborah Golino
In Favor: DiBudo, Fisher, Golino, House*, Johnson, Stone-Smith, Zaninovich
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Andrew, Clark, Cranney, Drake, Mounts

NEXT MEETING

The next Board and Task Force meeting was set for Tuesday October 16, 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 UPDATE

USDA Program Director Beth Stone-Smith reported briefly on the federal funding for the Program. Federal funding is currently under a continuous resolution. This should be enough to continue ongoing treatment and control efforts. She also said a vote is scheduled for Friday in Congress on a rescission package, which could impact funding. Bob Wynn and Michael Müller commented briefly on recent federal funding activities.

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 2016-17 and FY 2017-18, and projected budgets for the 2018-19 fiscal year. The FY 2018-19 budget included encumbrances from the \$5 million in General Funds received in FY 2017-18.

PDCP EPM I Tom Esser presented the fiscal update for the Board. He reported that FY 2017-18 revenues from the assessment and earned interest were expected to be about \$5.6 million, while expenditures were anticipated to be about \$3.7 million.

PD/GWSS BOARD BUDGET FOR FY 2018-19

Tom Esser presented the proposed Board budget for FY 2018-19 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 for two research projects, the research symposium, the grower vote, PDCP rapid response operations, agricultural supplies, administration, and a contingency for county backfill. During the discussion the Board also discussed the assessment rate for the 2018 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 \$6,615,857 be approved as the Board’s budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19. This budget includes items that were previously approved, totaling \$3,395,138, and new items that were recommended for approval at this meeting, totaling \$3,220,719. Among the new items were a research proposal by Mr. David Tricoli at UC Davis totaling \$79,757 over two fiscal years, and one year of a field trial proposal by Dr. Abhaya Dandekar at UC Davis for \$114,583.
 - The wine grape assessment rate for wine grapes harvested and crushed in 2018 remain at \$1.50 per \$1,000 of value.

Details of Board Vote

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

During the budget discussion, the importance of maintaining effective communication and outreach with federal stakeholders in Washington D.C. was discussed. It was suggested this be considered an item for further development.

RESEARCH PROGRAM UPDATE AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

(Note: This item was covered during the budget discussion.) Steve McIntyre presented two research proposals for funding consideration by the Board. The proposals were for additional field trial work by Dr. Abhaya Dandekar, and grapevine protoplast work by Mr. David Tricoli. Both researchers are at UC Davis, and both proposals were recommended by the Board for funding. During the discussion Steve asked that a slide show presented recently by Dr. Dandekar on his field trial work be sent to Board and Task Force members. Steve then reported on the status of the search for a Virus Research Director and recommended that it be discontinued. There was a discussion about other options that could be pursued for accelerating research progress, including looking for start-ups with promising new technologies. Steve then talked about the history and current role of the Research Scientific Advisory Panel (RSAP). Given the heavy workloads of the scientists on the RSAP, he suggested the Panel be discontinued. The Board agreed with Steve’s recommendations.

SUNSET DATES, REAUTHORIZATION, AND REFERENDUM

(Note: this item was covered during the budget discussion.) Tom Esser discussed the upcoming sunset dates for the legislation authorizing the PDCP, the PD/GWSS Board, the winegrape assessment, and the Task Force. Handouts highlighting the sunset dates in the legislation were provided. There was discussion about the timeline for introducing legislation to continue the program, Board, assessment, and Task Force, and for conducting a grower vote. The Board voted to recommend including funding in its FY 2018-19 budget for any grower vote expenses. It also requested a presentation on the grower vote be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

ASSESSMENT RATE FOR 2018 HARVEST

(Note: this item was covered during the budget discussion.) Board members discussed the likely value of the 2018 wine grape crop and the assessment rate that would be needed to cover anticipated expenses and maintain a prudent reserve. It was estimated that the 2018 crop would be similar in value to the 2017 crop. After discussion, the Board voted to recommend keeping the assessment rate at the same level as in the prior year.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION UPDATE

Ken Freeze of Brown-Miller Communications provided an update on recent outreach and education activities.

AREA-WIDE PROGRAM OVERVIEW & UPDATE

USDA Program Director 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 the latest activities within the program, including the nursery program and rapid response and treatment activities.

OTHER ITEMS

Nat DiBuduo took a moment to thank the members and looks forward to retirement.

In addition, PDCP staff were asked if a search utility tool could be added to the website containing the Proceedings from the Pierce's Disease Research Symposia which would enable all editions of the Proceedings to be searched simultaneously.

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Board Vice Chairperson Keith Horn adjourned the meeting for both the Board and the Task Force at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on September 13, 2018 by

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