

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 21, 2016

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

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Dennis Atkinson*, Pam Bond, John Crossland, Robert Crudup, Nat DiBuduo, Ben Drake, Drew Johnson, Jim Ledbetter, Steve McIntyre, Ryan Metzler, Domonic Rossini, Steve Schafer

Members Absent: Greg Coleman, Bill Hammond, Keith Horn

PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Members Present: Greg Clark, Nat DiBuduo, Ben Drake, Deborah Golino, David House*, Drew Johnson, Richard Mounts, Beth Stone-Smith, Judy Zaninovich

Members Absent: Kevin Andrew, Jim Cranney, John Snyder

OTHER ATTENDEES

John Aguirre, Tyler Blackney, Pete Downs, Tom Esser, Mike Falasco, Jim Farrar, Ken Freeze, David Gilchrist, Mark Greenspan, Craig Hanes, Kapua Kahumoku, Stacie Oswald, Raj Randhawa, Ted Rieger, Adam Smith, Sean Veling, Myrna Villegas, Bob Wynn

*Denotes attendance via conference call

CALL TO ORDER

PD/GWSS Board Chairperson Nat DiBuduo 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). Quorums were present for the Board and the Task Force. Nat DiBuduo, Board Chairperson, then asked for introductions of other attendees and guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Board Chairperson Nat DiBuduo welcomed former Board member Pete Downs to the meeting. Pete is working with Family Winemakers of California.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chairperson Nat DiBuduo asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 18, 2016.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2016 meeting.

Details of Board Vote

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

Task Force Chairperson Ben Drake asked the Task Force for a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on January 25, 2016 and April 18, 2016.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Task Force to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2016 and April 18, 2016 meetings.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Nat DiBuduo Second: Ben Drake
In Favor: DiBuduo, Drake, Golino, House*, Johnson, Mounts, Zaninovich
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Andrew, Cranney, Clark, Snyder, Stone-Smith

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NEXT MEETING

The next Board and Task Force meeting was set for Monday October 24, 2016 starting at 10:00 am. Board Chairperson Nat DiBuduo suggested the meeting be held in Fresno. It was decided to set the location for the next meeting based on a poll sent to the Board and Task Force members. [Note: The poll results favored holding the meeting in Fresno.]

UPDATE ON GRAPEVINE FIELD TRIALS

Dr. David Gilchrist, Professor Emeritus of Plant Pathology at UC Davis gave an update on the grapevine field trials.

VITICULTURE CONSULTANT UPDATE

Mark Greenspan, Viticulture Consultant, updated the Board and Task Force on his recent activities.

LEGISLATION AND FUNDING UPDATE

Tyler Blackney of the California Association of Winegrape Growers provided an update on Assembly Bill 2714. The bill would provide an additional \$5 million in funding for Pierce's disease. He said the bill was passed unanimously by the Appropriations Committee and the Assembly and was referred to the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review committee for further review.

FISCAL UPDATE

USDA Program Director Beth Stone-Smith reported on the federal funding for the Program. She said that the federal budget for the PDCP for federal fiscal year 2016 was \$15,574,754. For federal fiscal year 2017 there is a request for \$17,074,754.

PDCP Statewide Coordinator Bob Wynn presented the financial update for the PDCP. He went over PDCP revenues and expenditures from state fiscal years 2014-15 and 2015-16 along with projected total expenses.

PDCP Environmental Program Manager (EPM) Tom Esser presented the fiscal update for the Board. He reported that the Board's reserve of uncommitted funds will decrease this year because of reduced revenue from the assessment and increased expenditures.

PD/GWSS BOARD BUDGET FOR FY 2016/17

Board Chairperson Nat DiBuduo said that the budget for fiscal year 2016-17 would consist of items that were previously approved and new items for consideration at this meeting. He asked that new items be discussed and voted on individually during the budget discussion. New items included a contract with UC Davis to provide support to the Board's annual request for proposals process, funding to cover nursery treatments in GWSS-infested areas, a new viticulture consultant contract, and funding for a grapevine virus meeting and grapevine virus outreach. After discussions and voting on each new funding item, 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 \$8,154,101 be approved as the Board's budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17. The budget includes items that were previously approved, totaling \$3,423,899 and new items that were recommended for approval at the meeting, totaling \$4,730,202.

Details of Board Vote

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

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UGMVE PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17

Dr. Jim Farrar, Director, Statewide Integrated Pest Management, UC Davis presented a proposal to provide support to the Board's annual request for proposals (RFP) process.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend entering into a contract with UC Davis to support the Board's annual request for research proposals process. The contract lead person for UC Davis would be Dr. Jim Farrar and the total amount of the contract would be \$88,765.

Details of Board Vote

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

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NURSERY TREATMENT FUNDING

Stacie Oswalt, PDCP Senior Environmental Scientist, presented a proposal in the amount of \$300,000 to fund treatments of nursery stock as part of the nursery treatment reimbursement program with Riverside and Ventura counties.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend allocating \$300,000 for treating nurseries in Riverside and Ventura Counties during FY 2016-17.

Details of Board Vote

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

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NEW VITICULTURE CONSULTANT CONTRACT

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend entering into a 24-month contract with Dr. Mark Greenspan to continue to provide viticulture consulting services. The contract would begin on November 1, 2016, and the total amount would be \$107,100.

Details of Board Vote

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

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SCIENTIFIC MEETING AND OUTREACH EFFORT ON GRAPEVINE VIRUSES

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend funding a three-year proposal from Dr. Neil McRoberts at UC Davis titled "Education and Outreach for the Grapevine Certification and Registration Program, and an Assessment of Recently Established Production Vines from Increase Blocks." The Board requested that the project be modified to provide statewide coverage of the outreach program. The total amount for this grant would be \$252,054.

Details of Board Vote

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

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- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend allocating \$15,000 for a Grapevine Virus meeting that would bring together scientists to discuss and develop plans for developing solutions to virus diseases of grapevines in California.

Details of Board Vote

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

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ASSESSMENT RATE FOR 2016 HARVEST

Board Chairperson Nat DiBuduo led the discussion on the assessment rate to recommend for the 2016 winegrape crop. After discussion, it was decided to recommend an assessment rate of \$1.25 per \$1,000 of value. This reflects an increase of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of value compared to the 2015 crop year.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend to the Secretary that the assessment rate for the 2016 harvest be \$1.25 (one dollar and twenty-five cents) per \$1,000 of value for winegrapes harvested and crushed in 2016.

Details of Board Vote

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

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OUTREACH & EDUCATION UPDATE

Ken Freeze of Brown-Miller Communications provided an update on recent outreach and education activities. This included asking the Board members about changing the existing PD/GWSS Board logo. Ken said he is working with PDCP staff to develop ideas for the new logo.

AREA-WIDE PROGRAM OVERVIEW & 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

Because written reports on recent Program activities were already provided by PDCP staff, presentations were not made for this agenda item.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO C.G. SECTION 11126

N/A

RECONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

N/A

OTHER ITEMS

N/A

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Nat DiBuduo adjourned the meeting for both the Board and the Task Force at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on August 15, 2016 by

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