

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, October 24, 2016
County of Fresno – Department of Agriculture
Demo Room – Building 400
1720 S. Maple Avenue, Fresno, CA 93702

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Dennis Atkinson, Pam Bond, Greg Coleman, John Crossland, Nat DiBuduo, Keith Horn, Steve McIntyre, Ryan Metzler, Domonic Rossini, Steve Schafer

Members Absent: Robert Crudup, Ben Drake, Bill Hammond, Drew Johnson, Jim Ledbetter

PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Members Present: Greg Clark, Nat DiBuduo, Beth Stone-Smith, Judy Zaninovich

Members Absent: Kevin Andrew, Jim Cranney, Ben Drake, Deborah Golino, David House, Drew Johnson, Richard Mounts

OTHER ATTENDEES

John Aguirre*, Tom Casey, Pete Downs*, Tom Esser, Jim Farrar, Ken Freeze, Craig Hanes, Mark Harrington*, Kapua Kahumoku, Stacie Oswalt, Tyson Porter, Fred Rinder, Roger Spencer, Sean Veling, Les, Wright, Bob Wynn

*Denotes attendance via conference call

CALL TO ORDER

PD/GWSS Board Chairperson Nat DiBuduo called the meeting to order at 10:06 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. Nat DiBuduo, Board Chairperson, then asked for introductions of other attendees and guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Bob Wynn mentioned an opening in the PD Advisory Task Force as member John Snyder, Riverside Agricultural Commissioner, retired from service. He said that Cathy Fisher, President of the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association, will help select a new replacement for the PD Advisory Task Force. Bob then introduced Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner Les Wright and thanked him for letting us hold the meeting at the county agricultural facility. Les welcomed the meeting attendees to Fresno County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chairperson Nat DiBuduo asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 21, 2016.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 21, 2016.

Details of Board Vote

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

The Task Force did not have a quorum present at the meeting; therefore there was no vote on the minutes.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board and Task Force meeting was set for Monday January 23, 2017, in Sacramento and will begin at 10:00 am. It will be held at the CDFA Headquarters office located at 1220 N Street in Sacramento.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Board Chair Nat DiBuduo requested from the Board suggestions on members to be part of the nominating committee. The committee makes recommendations to the Board on replacements for the PD/GWSS Board officers.

The current officers are:

Chair: Nat DiBuduo
Vice-Chair: Pam Bond
Treasurer: Ryan Metzler

After discussion it was decided that Pam Bond, John Crossland, Ben Drake, Keith Horn, and Ryan Metzler will comprise the new nominating committee.

PDCP FISCAL UPDATE

USDA Program Director Beth Stone-Smith reported on the federal funding for the Program. She said that federal funding is currently under a continuing appropriation, and there should be enough to continue ongoing treatment and control efforts in Kern County.

PDCP Statewide Coordinator Bob Wynn and Environmental Program Manager II Roger Spencer provided the financial update for the PDCP. Roger went over PDCP revenues and expenditures over the last three fiscal years and provided the projected total expenses.

PDCP Environmental Program Manager I Tom Esser then presented the fiscal update for the Board, covering the revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2015-16 and the budgeted, year-to-date, and projected revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2016-17.

UPDATE ON UC INDIRECT COST CHARGES

Bob Wynn, CDFA Statewide Coordinator, gave an update on the discussions being held with the University of California (UC) regarding indirect cost charges which UC wants to include in all

contracts and grants. Bob said that negotiations are ongoing and he will provide another update at the next meeting.

GRAPEVINE VIRUS MEETING (UPDATE AND FUNDING)

Research Screening Committee Chair Steve McIntyre gave an update on the planning for the Grapevine Virus Meeting, to be held in early April 2017. The purpose of the meeting is to bring together scientists to discuss and develop plans for developing solutions to virus diseases of winegrapes in California. Steve said it would be beneficial to expand the core group of scientists at the meeting and extend the length of it, so the Board was asked to provide additional funding. The Board voted to recommend increasing the funding for the meeting from \$15,000 to \$40,000, and requested that additional funding sources for the meeting be sought.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend increasing the funding allocation for the Grapevine Virus Meeting being planned for April 2017 from \$15,000 to \$ 40,000.

Details of Board Vote

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

VITICULTURE CONSULTANT UPDATE

Mark Greenspan, Viticulture Consultant, provided an update on his recent activities. This included the status and plans for the grapevine field trials.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION UPDATE

Ken Freeze of Brown-Miller Communications provided an update on outreach and education activities. At the June 21, 2016 meeting Ken had spoken about working with PDCP staff to develop ideas for a new logo, one that would properly represent and encompass the expanded mission of the Board. A Focus Group consisting of John Aguirre, Pam Bond, Nat DiBuduo, Ben Drake, Nancy Light, and Steve McIntyre reviewed the logo options and narrowed the choice to two options. The current logo and suggested new logos were presented to the members and other attendees during the meeting. By general assent the Board voted to recommend one of them as its new logo.

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.

FRESNO COUNTY URBAN GWSS ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Fred Rinder, Fresno County Deputy Agricultural Commissioner gave a presentation to the members and attendees on the urban GWSS activities in Fresno County.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Tom Esser discussed the PD/GWSS Board's intellectual property terms and conditions. He said they were prepared by Dr. Alan Bennett of the Public Intellectual Property Resource for Agriculture (PIPRA) and were intended to foster rapid advancement of scientific research and timely development of practical solutions. During the discussion it was suggested that CDFR staff and

original Board members review the early history of the Board to see if there was any agreement with UC to give it intellectual property rights in exchange for no indirect costs being charged.

PDCP STAFF REPORTS

The PDCP Staff provided updates on the latest activities within the program, including the nursery program, rapid response and urban treatment activities.

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 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on January 18, 2017 by

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