

**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, November 5, 2018

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

**PD/GWSS BOARD**

Members Present: Pam Bond, Greg Coleman, John Crossland, Trey Irwin, Jim Ledbetter, Ryan Metzler

Members Absent: Robert Crudup, Ben Drake, Bill Hammond, Keith Horn, Drew Johnson, Steve McIntyre, Domonic Rossini, Steve Schafer

**PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

Members Present: Humberto Izquierdo, Jean-Mari Peltier, Beth Stone-Smith

Members Absent: Kevin Andrew, Ben Drake, Deborah Golino, Cathy Fisher, David House, Drew Johnson, Richard Mounts, Judy Zaninovich

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

Tyler Blackney, Kathy Diaz-Cretu, Pete Downs, William Drayton, Tom Esser, Jim Farrar, Randy Heinzen, Craig Hanes, Kapua Kahumoku, Michael Miiller (CAWG), Joe Monson, Stacie Oswald, Nicole Shorter, Sean Veling, Myrna Villegas, Bob Wynn

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**CALL TO ORDER**

PD/GWSS Board Chairperson Ryan Metzler called the meeting to order at 10:12 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 not present for the Board or the Task Force.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Bob Wynn introduced two new members of the PD Advisory Task Force, Jean-Mari Peltier and Humberto Izquierdo. Jean-Mari represents the Consolidated Central Valley Table Grape Pest and Disease Control District. Humberto is the newly appointed Napa County Agricultural Commissioner.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There was no quorum present to approve the previous meeting minutes.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Board and Task Force meeting was set for Wednesday, January 23, 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. [The date was later changed to Friday, January 25, 2019.]

### **PD/GWSS BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

PDCP Statewide Coordinator Bob Wynn announced that Board members Ryan Metzler, Drew Johnson, Steve Schafer, and John Crossland would be leaving the Board.

Drew Johnson resigned from the Board on November 5, 2018. Drew recommended William Drayton, from Treasury Wine Estates, as his replacement.

Steve Schafer resigned from the Board on October 16, 2018. No recommendations have been provided to fill this vacancy.

John Crossland provided his resignation as he is retiring effective December 31, 2018. Randy Heinzen, President of Vineyard Professional Services, Inc. has been recommended as John's replacement.

Ryan Metzler, current Board Chairperson submitted his resignation effective January 25, 2019. No recommendations have been provided to fill this vacancy.

### **APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

Bob Wynn and Board Chairperson Ryan Metzler discussed the appointment of the nomination committee.

After a brief discussion it was decided that Pam Bond, John Crossland, Keith Horn, and Ryan Metzler would comprise the new nominating committee.

### **FISCAL UPDATE**

USDA Program Director Beth Stone-Smith reported briefly on the federal funding for the Program. Federal funding is currently under continuing appropriations.

Bob Wynn presented the fiscal report for the PDCP, providing information on past, current, and projected revenues and expenditures for fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19. Environmental Program Manager (EPM) I Craig Hanes then reported on the actual and planned uses of the \$5M in state general funds that were received by the PDCP in fiscal year 2017-18. Michael Miiller from the California Association of Winegrape Growers noted that industry was looking at developing a bill that would provide another \$5 million in state general funds to the program.

PDCP EPM I Tom Esser presented the fiscal update for the Board. Under current projections, the Board is expected to spend about \$4.7 million this fiscal year and have a carryover of approximately \$7.7 million at the end of the fiscal year.

### **RESEARCH PROGRAM UPDATE AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATION**

Tom Esser presented a research proposal for funding consideration by the Board. The proposal, by Dr. Rodrigo Almeida of UC Berkeley, is for continuing the testing of grapevines designed to block vector transmission of *Xylella fastidiosa*. The amount requested was \$38,617 for the time-period December 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. There was no quorum present, so the Board could not vote on this item. However, the members present did discuss holding a special meeting to vote on this proposal. A poll will be sent out to determine a future meeting date.

Tom reported that implementation of Assembly Bill 20, passed in 2012, required that state government, UC, and CSU develop and use a standard, uniform format for contract and grant

agreements. Use of this standard format means that grant agreements will no longer include the Board's intellectual property terms and conditions.

#### **GROWER VOTE**

Kathy Diaz-Cretu and Joe Monson of the CDFA Marketing Division made a presentation on the anticipated upcoming grower referendum on continuation of the PD/ GWSS winegrape assessment and Board. They provided background on the referendum process, the project timeline, building of an official producers' list, eligibility to vote, and the passage criteria.

#### **GWSS NURSERY AD HOC MEETING REPORT**

Stacie Oswald provided a brief update on the GWSS Nursery Ad Hoc meeting that was held in Southern California recently. The meeting discussed the status of the Approved Treatment Program (ATP) and ways to make the ATP more efficient.

#### **OUTREACH & EDUCATION UPDATE**

Nicole Shorter 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**

Tom Esser reminded the members of the upcoming Pierce's Disease Research Symposium, being held December 17 to December 19, 2018 at the Kona Kai Resort & Spa in San Diego.

#### **CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chairperson Ryan Metzler adjourned the meeting for both the Board and the Task Force at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on January 17, 2019 by

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