

**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 29, 2012  
at 2800 Gateway Oaks, Room 101, Sacramento, CA

**PD/GWSS BOARD**

Members Present: Kevin Andrew\*, Dennis Atkinson\*, Nat DiBuduo, Pete Downs, Jim Ledbetter, Steve McIntyre, Dana Merrill\*, Al Rossini, Steve Schafer\*

Members Absent: Greg Coleman, Ben Drake, David House, Drew Johnson, Herb Schmidt, Marilyn Wolf

**PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

Members Present: Kassim Al-Khatib, Kevin Andrew\*, Ben Drake, Scott Hudson, Nancy Irelan\*, Corky Roche, Beth Stone-Smith, David Whitmer\*, Judy Zaninovich

Members Absent: Jim Cranney, David House, Drew Johnson, John Snyder, Richard Mounts

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

John Aguirre, Alan Bennett, Alex Camacho, Cecilia Chi-ham, Brenda Coleman, Tom Esser, Mike Falasco, Ken Freeze, Deborah Golino, Craig Hanes, Kapua Kahumoku, Matt Myers, Stacie Oswald, Raj Randhawa, 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 Steve McIntyre and PD Advisory Task Force Chairperson Kevin Andrew 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). A quorum was present for both the Board and the Task Force. Steve McIntyre then asked for introductions of other attendees and guests.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairperson Steve McIntyre asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 11, 2012.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2012 meeting.

### **Details of Board Vote**

Motion: Pete Downs            Second: Jim Ledbetter  
In Favor: Andrew\*, Atkinson\*, DiBuduo, Downs, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Merrill\*, Rossini, Schafer\*  
Against: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Coleman, Drake, House, Johnson, Schmidt, Wolf\*

Chairperson Kevin Andrew asked the Task Force for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 11, 2012 meeting.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Task Force to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2012 meeting.

### **Details of Task Force Vote**

Motion: Corky Roche            Second: Judy Zaninovich  
In Favor: Al-Khatib, Andrew\*, DiBuduo, Drake, Hudson, Irelan\*, Roche, Stone-Smith, Whitmer\*, Zaninovich  
Against: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Cranney, House, Johnson, Snyder, Mounts

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the PD/GWSS Board and Advisory Task Force was set for Monday, January 28, 2013, in Sacramento, and will begin at 1:00 pm. It will be held at the CDFA headquarters auditorium at 1220 N Street.

## **BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS**

Bob Wynn reported that two Board members, Pete Downs and Herb Schmidt, would be leaving the PD/GWSS Board. Bob Wynn and Steve McIntyre both acknowledged and thanked Pete and Herb for all their hard work and dedication to the PD/GWSS Board.

Pete and Herb's positions are both in the North Coast area. Bob will work with David Whitmer to solicit nominations for new members from that area.

Bob also reported that at the next meeting the Board would vote on a new slate of officers as recommended by the Nomination Committee (Greg Coleman, Ben Drake, and Dana Merrill).

## **PDCP FISCAL UPDATE**

Beth Stone-Smith reported on the federal budget. She spoke about the close of federal FY 2012 (closing Sept. 30, 2012). At this time, they have continuing resolutions through March 27, 2013, which allows the Program to continue to operate at federal FY 2012 funding levels. The area-wide cooperative agreement is still open and awaiting final billing.



### Details of Board Vote

Motion: Al Rossini                      Second: Pete Downs  
In Favor: Atkinson\*, DiBudo, Downs, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Merrill\*, Rossini,  
Schafer\*  
Against: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Andrew\*, Coleman, Drake, House, Johnson, Schmidt, Wolf\*

Alan also presented a proposal for continuing the PIPRA contract but it was decided by the Board to discuss this topic at the next Board meeting.

### **RESEARCH DIRECTOR REPORT**

Research Director Nancy Irelan discussed her recent activities. She spoke about her activities with the RSAP and working on the scope of work for a facilitator to oversee development of research discoveries into PD management solutions available to growers.

### **RESEARCH DIRECTOR CONTRACT – RFP PROCESS**

Tom Esser reported that the PD/GWSS Research Director contract with Nancy Irelan will be ending on June 30, 2013, so the RFP process for advertising and establishing a new contract has been started.

### **LANDSCAPE HOSTS OF *Xf* AND GWSS**

Tom Esser gave a brief review and update on the landscape hosts of *Xylella fastidiosa* (*Xf*) and GWSS. He said the PDCP and the Committee had solicited reviews and input from various stakeholder groups and the prevailing recommendation was to not prepare and release a list of suspect reservoir plant hosts of *Xf* and GWSS.

### **OUTREACH AND EDUCATION UPDATE**

Ken Freeze of Brown-Miller Communications provided an update on their outreach and education activities. This included a new display and website updates.

### **AREA-WIDE PROGRAM OVERVIEW & UPDATE**

Beth Stone-Smith reported on recent trapping and treatment activities in the area-wide programs in Riverside, Kern, Tulare, and Fresno counties. In Temecula, 69 GWSS have been trapped this year and 600 acres of citrus were treated with AdmirePro. In Coachella, eight GWSS were trapped. In Kern County, 41,265 GWSS were trapped on the east side. The General Beale area is still a problem, and monies may have to be shifted from unaffected areas to help with treatment around the Highway 65 area. The Western Zone has been quiet. In Tulare County, 242 GWSS have been trapped to date. In Fresno, there were three GWSS trapped and treatments were conducted on May 21, 2012 where two of the GWSS were found.

### **PDCP STAFF REPORTS**

Nursery: Stacie Oswalt reported that PDCP's Regulatory Program had 37,366 nursery stock shipments from the GWSS generally-infested areas to non-infested areas of the state. Year to date, two regulatory actions have been taken by destination (receiving) counties for shipments that contained a viable GWSS life stage. In addition, there were 8,554 Nursery Stock Approved Treatment Program (ATP) shipments consisting of 2,329,171 plants from January 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012. No viable life stages were detected in any ATP shipments. She also reported on the Nursery Treatment Contracts and that Ventura and Riverside county agricultural commissioners' staff have been reviewing applications for fall treatments and will be contacting qualifying nurseries within the next week.

Rapid Response: Craig Hanes reported on GWSS rapid response activities. In Santa Clara County, there are two GWSS infested areas. One of them, the Meridian area of San Jose, has not had a GWSS find since 2010. After November 1, the county will be requesting the Meridian infestation be declared eradicated. This will leave only the Capitol area of San Jose as GWSS infested. The last GWSS found in this area was on October 5, 2011. This area will be eligible to be declared free of GWSS after October 31, 2013 if no GWSS are found. In San Luis Obispo County, no GWSS have been found this year. The last GWSS find in this area was on August 31, 2011. This area will be eligible to be declared free of GWSS after October 31, 2013 if no GWSS are found. In Madera County, treatments were completed June 7, 2012 in Rolling Hills. There were 167 properties treated. These treatments are in response to GWSS finds from last fall. In Fresno County through May of this year, 1,411 urban/rural residential properties have been treated.

Detection: Craig reported that from late August through early October, single adult GWSS were trapped in Lemoore in Kings County, Madera and Chowchilla in Madera County, and Dinuba, Tulare, and Visalia in Tulare County. In each case, the County Agricultural Commissioner's office responded by conducting visual surveys and placing additional traps around the finds, and in each case, no additional GWSS were found.

**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**

A motion by Al Rossini was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was then adjourned by Board Chairperson Steve McIntyre at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on Monday, January 18, 2013 by

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