

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, April 28, 2014

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

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Dennis Atkinson*, Pam Bond, Greg Coleman, John Crossland, Nat DiBuduo, Ben Drake, Bill Hammond, David House*, Drew Johnson, Jim Ledbetter, Steve McIntyre, Ryan Metzler, Steve Schafer, Steve Smit

Members Absent: Al Rossini

PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Members Present: Nat DiBuduo, Ben Drake, David House, Drew Johnson, John Snyder*, Beth Stone-Smith, Judy Zaninovich*

Members Absent: Kevin Andrew, Jim Cranney, Richard Mounts

OTHER ATTENDEES

John Aguirre, Jonathan Bash, Alex Camacho, Gary Caseri, Monica Cooper, Greg Clark, John Duarte, Tom Esser, Mike Falasco, Ken Freeze, Deborah Golino, Mark Greenspan, Craig Hanes, Kapua Kahumoku, Paul Kronenberg, Peter Matlock, Stacie Oswalt, Raj Randhawa, Ted Rieger, Roger Spencer, Sean Veling, Alan Wei, Bob Wynn

*Denotes attendance via conference call

CALL TO ORDER

PD/GWSS Board Vice Chairperson Bill Hammond and Advisory Task Force Chairperson Ben Drake 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. He then asked for introductions of other attendees and guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Kronenberg, President of Family Winemakers of California, updated the Board and Task Force members on AB 1642, the bill which would continue the PDCP, the PD/GWSS Board, the assessment, and the Task Force for another five years, .

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Bob Wynn, CDFA Statewide Coordinator, said the Department is working on filling three current vacancies on the Task Force.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairperson Bill Hammond asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 27, 2014.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2014 meeting.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Jim Ledbetter Second: Greg Coleman
In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, Crossland, DiBuduo, Drake, Hammond, House, Johnson, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Smit
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Rossini, Schafer**

**Denotes member not present during voting

Chairperson Ben Drake asked the Task Force for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 27, 2014 meeting.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Task Force to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2014 meeting.

Details of Task Force Vote

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

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the PD/GWSS Board and Advisory Task Force was set for Monday, June 23, 2014, in Sacramento, and will begin at 10:00 am. It will be held at the CDFA Gateway Oaks Facility, 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive Room 267, Sacramento, CA.

FISCAL UPDATE

USDA Program Director Beth Stone-Smith gave the fiscal update for the USDA, PDCP Branch Chief Roger Spencer gave the fiscal report for the PDCP, and PDCP Special Assistant Tom Esser gave the report for the PD/GWSS Board.

APPLIED RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE

PDCP Branch Chief Roger Spencer presented two University of California proposals to investigate pesticide resistance in the glassy-winged sharpshooter. The Applied Research Subcommittee will review the two proposals and report back to the Board.

OTHER DESIGNATED PESTS AND DISEASES OF WINEGRAPES

Steve McIntyre, Chair of the Winegrape Pest and Disease Designation Committee, reported that the Committee had met and recommended designating Red Blotch, Vine Mealybug, and Brown Marmorated Stink Bug as pests and diseases of winegrapes.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend designating Red Blotch as a disease of winegrapes.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Nat DiBuduo Second: Drew Johnson
In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, Crossland, DiBuduo, Drake, Hammond, House,
Johnson, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Schafer, Smit

Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Rossini

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend designating Vine Mealybug as a pest of winegrapes.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Ben Drake Second: Drew Johnson
In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, Crossland, DiBuduo, Drake, Hammond, House,
Johnson, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Schafer, Smit

Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Rossini

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend designating Brown Marmorated Stink Bug as a pest of winegrapes.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Nat DiBuduo Second: Steve McIntyre
In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, Crossland, DiBuduo, Drake, House, Johnson,
Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Schafer, Smit

Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Hammond**, Rossini

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PIPRA UPDATE

Alex Camacho from PIPRA (Public Intellectual Property Resource for Agriculture) reported on recent activities. He reported that PIPRA had transferred its responsibilities for the grapevine field trials to Dr. Abhaya Dandekar at UC Davis. Alex also said he met with CDFA’s Information Technology staff regarding the transfer of the PD/GWSS research website at piercesdisease.org to CDFA.

TECHNOLOGY FACILITATOR UPDATE

Peter Matlock, Technology Facilitator, presented a report on the status of current research and the development of solutions to Pierce’s disease.

RESEARCHER GROWER LIAISON UPDATE

Mark Greenspan, Researcher Grower Liaison, updated the Board and Task Force on his recent activities. This included meeting with the researchers and becoming more familiar with their research projects and the field trials.

RESEARCHER GROWER LIAISON CONTRACT RENEWAL

PDCP Special Assistant Tom Esser reported that the agreement with the Cooperative Agricultural Support Services which provided the services of the Researcher Grower Liaison would be ending on June 30, 2014, so a new agreement would be needed to continue receiving services beyond that date. After discussion, the Board voted to recommend renewing the Researcher Grower Liaison position for another year with funding not to exceed \$100,000.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend continuing the services of the Researcher Grower Liaison for another fiscal year, for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Steve McIntyre Second: Ben Drake
In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, Crossland, DiBuduo, Drake, Hammond,
Johnson, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Schafer, Smit

Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: House**, Rossini

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GRAPEVINE FIELD TRIALS RECOMMENDATION

Steve McIntyre, Chair of the Product Development Committee (PDC), presented the recommendations of the PDC for continuing the grapevine field trials, as well as conducting associated research. After discussion, the Board voted to recommend continuing the grapevine field trials by adding time and funding to the seven current grant agreements established with the field trial researchers, and by supporting a project on disease assessment methodology. The new funding totals \$385,086 over the next three fiscal years.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend approving the Grapevine Field Trial proposals.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Nat DiBuduo Second: Dennis Atkinson
In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, Crossland, DiBuduo, Drake, Hammond, House,
Johnson, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Schafer, Smit

Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Rossini

RESEARCH FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

Steve McIntyre, Chair of the Research Screening Committee (RSC), presented the recommendations of the RSC regarding funding of the research proposals submitted in response to the most recent call for PD/GWSS research proposals. After discussion, the Board voted to recommend funding ten research projects totaling \$2,348,171 over the next three fiscal years.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend approving the recommended research proposals.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Ben Drake Second: Bill Hammond
In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, Crossland, DiBuduo, Drake, Hammond, House, Johnson, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Schafer, Smit

Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Rossini

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2016

PDCP Environmental Program Manager Craig Hanes presented a recommendation to the Board to renew its Outreach and Education contract with Brown-Miller for another two years, for a total of \$398,905.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend approving funding the Outreach and Education contract with Brown-Miller.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Ben Drake Second: Bill Hammond
In Favor: Atkinson, Bond, Coleman, Crossland, DiBuduo, Drake, Hammond, House, Johnson, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Metzler, Schafer, Smit

Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Rossini

OUTREACH AND 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 gave a brief overview of ongoing area-wide activities. This included area-wide treatments in Kern County in the General Beale area.

PDCP STAFF REPORTS

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

A motion by Board Chairperson Steve Schafer was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted on Friday, June 16, 2014 by

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