

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 27, 2014

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

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Pam Bond, Greg Coleman, John Crossland, Nat DiBudo*, Ben Drake, David House*, Drew Johnson, Jim Ledbetter, Steve McIntyre, Ryan Metzler, Al Rossini, Steve Schafer

Members Absent: Dennis Atkinson, Bill Hammond, Steve Smit

PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Members Present: Kevin Andrew, Nat DiBudo, Ben Drake, David House*, Drew Johnson, Beth Stone-Smith, Judy Zaninovich *, Greg Clark, Deborah Golino

Members Absent: Jim Cranney, Richard Mounts, John Snyder

OTHER ATTENDEES

John Aguirre, Jonathan Bash, Alan Bennett, Monica Cooper, Kathy Diaz-Cretu, John Duarte, Tom Esser, Mike Falasco, Ken Freeze, Mark Greenspan, Nicolina Hernandez, Kapua Kahumoku, Joshua Kress, Peter Matlock*, Stacie Oswald, Ted Rieger, Domonic Rossini, Roger Spencer, Myrna Villegas, Sean Veling, Bob Wynn

*Denotes attendance via conference call

CALL TO ORDER

PD/GWSS Board Chairperson Steve Schafer called the meeting to order at 10:02 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. Steve Schafer, Board Chair, then asked for introductions of other attendees and guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Bob Wynn took a moment to thank the members of the Product Development Committee (PDC) for their active work under the leadership of Chair Steve McIntyre. Members consist of George Bruening, Ed Civerolo, Marty Dickman, Deborah Golino, Mark Greenspan, Tom Esser, Drew Johnson, Jan Leach, Peter Matlock, and Chair Steve McIntyre.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chairperson Steve Schafer asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 23, 2014.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2014 meeting.

Details of Board Vote

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

Task Force Chairperson Ben Drake asked the Task Force for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 23, 2014.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Task Force to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2014 meeting.

Details of Task Force Vote

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

** Denotes that member was not present during vote

NEXT MEETING

The next Board and Task Force meeting was set for Monday January 26, 2015, 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.

NOMINATION FOR BOARD OFFICERS

Board Chair Steve Schafer 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: Steve Schafer
Vice-Chair: Bill Hammond
Treasurer: Nat DiBuduo

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

PD CONTINUATION REFERENDUM GROWER VOTE

Kathy Diaz-Cretu, CDFA Senior Agricultural Economist, gave an update on the PD Continuation Referendum Grower Vote.

RSAP MEMBERSHIP

PDCP Special Assistant Tom Esser reported that Dr. Mary Beth Mudgett, the Chair of the Research Scientific Advisory Panel (RSAP), completed her term on the Panel and is no longer serving on the Panel. The new Chair is Dr. Nian Wang, from the University of Florida. Replacing Dr. Mudgett is Dr. Jeffrey Jones, University of Florida.

PDCP FISCAL UPDATE

USDA PD/GWSS Program Director Beth Stone-Smith reported briefly on the federal funding for the Program. She said that the federal budget has not been signed yet, but there is a continuing resolution in effect until December 11, 2014. Additional funding might be needed for area-wide foliage treatments in Kern County due to funding deficits.

Board Chairperson Steve Schafer led the discussion on funding the area-wide foliage treatments. After some discussion the Board voted. Discussion about funding this treatment on a recurring basis would need to be held separately to address additional concerns and questions.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend providing \$800,000 for use in the Kern County Area-wide project during fiscal year 2014-15. The funding would come from the Board's budget line item titled "Contingency for County Backfill."

Details of Board Vote

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

After the initial vote on funding FY 2014-15 area-wide treatments the Board also voted to work on a partnership with citrus and table grape growers to help find additional funding for future foliage treatments.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to work on a partnership with citrus and table grape growers to help find additional funding for future foliage treatments.

Details of Board Vote

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

PDCP Branch Chief Roger Spencer presented the financial report for the PDCP. He discussed PDCP revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2014-15 along with projected total expenditures.

PDCP Special Assistant Tom Esser reported on the Board budget and projected spending and revenues.

NURSERY REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Board member John Crossland addressed concerns within the grapevine nurseries regarding pests and diseases of wine grapes including red blotch and leafroll virus. Joshua Kress, CDFA Senior

Environmental Scientist discussed the current changes to the Nursery Registration and Certification Program and how these changes will help address concerns like those within the nursery communities.

PIPRA UPDATE

Alan Bennett, Executive Director of PIPRA, spoke about PIPRA and gave a brief update on current activities.

2015 REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS (RFP)

Tom Esser gave an update on the current activities of the RFP process. The RFP process has been changed to include red blotch, vine mealybug, and brown marmorated stink bug. He provided a handout which included time lines for the RFP process.

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (PDC) UPDATE AND PROPOSALS

PDC Chair Steve McIntyre gave an update on the recent activities of the PDC. He then presented a proposal by David Tricoli at UC Davis, to expand the range of grape genotypes that can be modified for use in research and product development.

The Board voted to recommend funding the research project by David Triocoli on grape genotypes. The total cost would be \$169,116 over the next four fiscal years.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to fund David Tricoli's project on grape genotypes.

Details of Board Vote

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

VITICULTURIST UPDATE

Mark Greenspan, CASS Viticulturist, updated the Board and Task Force on his recent activities with the grapevine field trials. He discussed his findings at the field trial sites in Riverside and Solano counties.

TECHNOLOGY FACILITATOR UPDATE

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

VITICULTURE CONSULTANT CONTRACT PROPOSAL

Tom Esser presented a proposal to establish a contract with Dr. Mark Greenspan to serve as Viticulture Consultant to the Board. Currently Dr. Mark Greenspan is contracted through our Cooperative Agricultural Support Services (CASS) contract. The contract term would be for 24 months starting in November 2014, and the total amount would be \$123,578.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to establish a contract with Dr. Mark Greenspan as a viticulture consultant for 24 months starting November 2014, and a total amount of \$123,578.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Ryan Metzler Second: Drew Johnson

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

OUTREACH & EDUCATION UPDATE

Ken Freeze of Brown-Miller Communications provided an update on recent outreach and education activities. This included a new brochure that highlights the last 15 years of the Program, and visits to expositions and trade shows.

AREA-WIDE PROGRAM OVERVIEW & UPDATE

Beth Stone-Smith provided updates on the area-wide programs in Kern, Tulare, Fresno, Riverside, and Madera counties.

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 Steve Schafer adjourned the meeting for both the Board and the Task Force at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on January 22, 2015 by

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