

FACT SHEET

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Year Formed	Established in October 2001
Purpose	The Board's primary mission is to advise the California Department of Food and Agriculture on the expenditure of funds raised by the assessment for research into finding a cure or treatment for Pierce's Disease.
Authorization	California Assembly Bill 1394 created the assessment and the Pierce's Disease/Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board. The funds are earmarked for research and other activities related to the Pierce's Disease bacterium and the Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter. The assessment pertains only to grapes grown in California and crushed for wine, wine vinegar, juice concentrate or beverage brandy, and is due to expire in 2006. Senate Bill 1650 extending the assessment until 2011 was signed by the governor and now goes to winegrape growers for a vote.
Board Makeup	The board consists of at least 14 members and no more than 15 members, with a specific number of representatives who are producers and processors in the grape industry and appointed by the CDFA secretary. There is also one public member.
Assessment	The California winegrape industry lobbied for the self-assessment to fast-track research efforts. Each year the PD/GWSS Board makes recommendations to CDFA for the assessment rate which by law can be no greater than \$3 per \$1,000 of value.
Research Projects Funded	As of August 2004, a total of 98 research projects have been funded with assessment money.
Total Raised by the Assessment (as of May 04)	\$13.9 million
Total Allocated to PD/GWSS Activities (as of May 04)	\$166.1 million Includes new funding allocated by federal and state government and industry to PD/GWSS activities.

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