

California Department of Food & Agriculture
Integrated Pest Control Branch
BROOMRAPE BOARD
Research Subcommittee
Friday, November 21st, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.
California Department of Food and Agriculture
3294 Meadowview Road, Sacramento, CA 95814
AND Virtually via GoTo Meeting
November 21, 2025
DRAFT MINUTES

SUBCOMMITTEE
MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Dalforno
Tony Turkovich*
David Viguie
Zach Bagley
Mike Montna
Dr. Brad Hanson
Dr. Neil McRoberts
Humberto Izquierdo

NON-SUBCOMMITTEE BOARD
MEMBERS PRESENT

Gene Miyao
Rick Blankenship*

CDFA PERSONNEL

Andrew Boren
Michelle Dennis*
Zack McCormack
David Kratville

GUESTS

Lisa Herbert, Sutter County Agricultural Commissioner*
Nicolas Oliver, Sutter County Assistant Agricultural Commissioner*
Craig Boschi, Glenn County Deputy Agricultural Commissioner*
Samantha Skelly, Glenn County Agricultural Biologist*
Sean Runyon, Merced County Agricultural Commissioner*
Jimmy Hook, Kings County Agricultural Commissioner*

*Participated virtually

CALL TO ORDER

The Broomrape Research Subcommittee Meeting was convened at 10:01 a.m. by Committee Chairman, David Viguie, and introductions were made.

BAGLEY-KEENE OPEN MEETING ACT

The meeting was held in compliance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for approval at this time. All available previous minutes will be reviewed at the next subcommittee meeting.

CDFA PROGRAM UPDATE

No update.

Research Update

The subcommittee received an update on a growing degree day calculator to help with scouting/rogueing/herbicide application timing. Economics and effectiveness of rogueing were discussed. A prototype of the tool was presented. The implementation potential for this tool was discussed. The committee continued discussion of scouting/rogueing timing, specifically in relation to exhibit G1 #7: "Establishment shall remove suspect broomrape plants upon detection." A potential issue with this language is that growers following endorsed BMPs could be found out of compliance if broomrape emerges between rogueing events. The committee discussed the possibility of establishing a window of time where the grower can rogue after a plant is found and remain in compliance. The notion of linking the compliance agreement to the BMPs for this specific item was discussed. California Tomato Research Institute (CTRI) staff gave an update on upcoming research projects for the subcommittee's review.

COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

The subcommittee chair formed a task force to suggest to the Research Subcommittee, revisions to the compliance agreement exhibits, as well as propose a plan to transition to mandatory agreements. The task force will be made up of the following members:

- David Viguie
- Ron Dalforno
- Humberto Izquierdo
- Mike Montna
- Brad Hanson
- Zach Bagley
- Michelle Dennis

POST HARVEST CONTROL RECCOMENDATIONS

The newly formed task force was directed to examine post-harvest control recommendations and bring back suggestions to the subcommittee for review.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)

Discussion on BMPs was tabled for a future subcommittee meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

- Canceled a previously scheduled Research Subcommittee Meeting for Wednesday December 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at California Department of Food and Agriculture 3294 Meadowview Road, Sacramento, CA 95814.

- Next Meeting to be held at a time, date, and location to be determined and will be noticed publicly in accordance with Bagley-Keene act requirements.
- Next agenda to include updates on topics from this meeting.

ADJOURN

Mr. Viguie adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

David Kratville
Environmental Program Manager, CDFA

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