Infrastructure Annual Accomplishment Report – FY2025
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A. *Compare actual accomplishments to objectives established as indicated in the work plan.**

Objectives:

1. Confirm the presence or absence of plant pests impacting the domestic and international movement of plants and plant products.
   - A total of 14 funding agreements (including Infrastructure) were awarded to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to perform surveys for invasive plant pests for 2025. Two agreements to eradicate invasive plant pests were awarded in 2024 and continued into 2025. These agreements include:
     1. Asian Defoliating Moth (ADM) Survey
     2. Black Fig Fly Survey
     3. Emergency Plant Health Response Teams
     4. European Grapevine Moth (EGVM) Program
     5. Exotic Woodborer Survey
     6. Stone Fruit Commodity Survey
     7. Invasive Fruit Fly Survey (Statewide)
     8. Nursery and Ornamental Survey
     9. Grape Commodity Survey
     10. Mediterranean Fruit Fly Eradication Project – Fremont, Alameda County
     11. Mediterranean Fruit Fly Eradication Project – San Jose, Santa Clara County
     12. Oriental Fruit Fly Eradication Project – Garden Grove, Orange County
     13. Oriental Fruit Fly Eradication Project – Jurupa Valley, Riverside-San Bernardino Counties

   All programs and surveys listed above were conducted during the agreement period. Some surveys and programs are ongoing. The agreements are handled by the State Survey Coordinator (SSC) and their managers. Results are transferred in periodic reports and submission into the appropriate national databases.

2. Establish and maintain a comprehensive network of cooperators and stakeholders to facilitate the distribution of profiles of plant pests in the United States (U.S.) deemed to be of regulatory significance.
   - Some of the funding provided by nine of the federal agreements was distributed to the offices of the County Agricultural Commissioners (CAC) in 2025 affected by these surveys or eradication projects. The SSC attended meetings with the CAC and their staff and continued networking and developing working relationships with these key pest detection partners.

Meetings attended with CAC staff:
- Incident Command Calls: Approximately 260
- One-on-One Meetings with CAC staff: Approximately four
- Detection survey trainings organized with CAC staff: Five

- The SSC was also elected to the position of Western SSC Representative in 2023 and continues to serve in this capacity. In this role, the SSC works to provide training, resources and improve communication and collaboration among the Western SSCs. The SSC also advocates for and represents the needs and concerns of the Western SSCs at the national level by participating in the National CAPS Committee (NCC) and regional SSC calls.
- The SSC participated in the NCC meeting in Phoenix, Arizona from February 11-12th, 2025 providing feedback and advocating for stakeholders regarding NCC meeting topics.
- The SSC organized and facilitated two break-out sessions at the Western Plant Board meeting for SSCs and Pest Survey Specialists (PSSs). Both sessions could be attended either in-person or virtually. Three speakers from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and one speaker from the CAPS program provided training and shared updates regarding their programs. These sessions provided opportunities for the SSCs, the PSSs and the USDA to network and connect. Both sessions were well-attended by the Western SSCs and PSSs.
- The SSC attended the National Plant Board meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii from July 28th-31st where she obtained key information and training and met and discussed key pest issues with state and federal regulatory officials.
- The SSC also developed and distributed a quick guide to assist Western SSCs and other members of the CAPS committee with submitting PPA 7721 suggestions.

3. Detect invasive pests before they become established
   - Eight of the federal agreements above provided the means to detect new and/or incipient populations of invasive plant pests through pest detection surveys. The SSC conducted research on potential survey targets, organized and led meetings with the CDFA staff and the state entomologist and pathologist to determine survey target priorities, developed survey proposals and workplans, organized and led survey training, met with field managers and CAC staff to ensure survey work was conducted according to the established guidelines and oversaw and reviewed reports.
   - The SSC also oversaw and organized a state-funded, Spotted lanternfly survey which was conducted throughout California.

- The SSC underwent training and networked with the Western Plant Board (WPB) members, USDA, APHIS and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) staff at the Western Plant Board.
- The SSC served on two committees within the NCC; the One Workplan Committee (working to develop a single combined CAPS agreement workplan) and the CAPS Maps User Panel (working to improve and further develop maps associated with the CAPS program).

Through these actions and opportunities, the SSC worked to advocate for Western stakeholders and further the work of the CDFA and the USDA to prevent the introduction and establishment of invasive plant pests in California and the West.

4. Facilitate the export of California agricultural products
   - The federal agreements above provided the necessary negative data to facilitate export of California agricultural products. The SSC uploaded data into the National Agricultural Pest Information System (NAPIS) database as required by the agreement deadlines and uploaded data for USDA's Potatoes for Mexico export program.
   - The SSC also provided and supervised the collection of data required or requested by USDA, industry groups and other stakeholders as needed.
   - The SSC also helped create workplans and oversaw the creation of reports for federally funded emergency project agreements for the eradication of incipient Mediterranean fruit fly and oriental fruit fly populations. Two of the quarantine projects were successfully completed and the other two projects are on-going.

5. Collect and manage survey data from CAPS participants
   - The lead scientists of each survey/program collected and managed the respective survey data. Results were transferred to USDA in periodic reports and by submission of data into the appropriate national database. The SSC supervised this process and oversaw the writing and submission of the resulting reports.
   - The SSC oversaw the development of a new SharePoint site where California's EGVM trap data is being shared with USDA as the Integrated Plant Health Information System (IPHIS) is phased out. This solution was developed in collaboration with the Data Analysis Risk and Targeting, Data Science and Integration Group (DART DSI) and with approval from the USDA's EGVM Technical Working Group. This site became available for use by the USDA, CAC and CDFA staff in early 2025 and the majority of counties have completed uploading their 2025 EGVM data to the site.

- The SSC worked to increase the efficiency and accuracy of the collection and management of survey activities by improving survey data collection and quality control processes.

Summary of Activities:

1. Activities:
   - Coordinated and led the planning, writing and submission of final reports for the FY 2024-2025 PPA 7721 agreements, oversaw the creation and writing of FY 2025-2026 PPA7721 and CAPS semi-annual reports.
   - Developed a FY 2025-2026 suggestion submission and overview quick guide creation which was distributed to the CDFA staff, the Western SSCs and the NCC. This was designed as a fast reference guide regarding guidelines for using the submission site (ServiceNow) and developing PPA 7721 suggestions.
   - Provided division-wide training to CDFA staff submitting PPA7721 suggestions.
   - Worked to continue improving survey planning, budget creation, tracking and monitoring in collaboration with the CDFA managers and administrative staff.
   - Oversaw and streamlined survey data collection processes and the development of updated data entry templates.
   - Leading a project to improve and modernize inventory management for CDFA's survey supply warehouse which manages survey supplies for all of the counties and CDFA offices in the state.
   - Oversaw the creation of maps used for emergency and pest detection projects including trapping grid, delimitation, quarantine and emergency project area maps.
   - Oversaw staff training on the use of ArcGIS Pro for generating maps for emergency projects and ensured staff were cross-trained to increase the resilience of CDFA's emergency response system.
   - Oversaw the running of the Incident Command System calls and creation of emergency response documents including Proclamation of Emergency Project documents, outreach and abatement letters.

2. Outreach and Education
   - Oversaw webinars conducted by CDFA staff on how to conduct surveys for the invasive woodborer, black fig fly, SLF, nursery and ornamental survey, grape and stone fruit commodity surveys for CDFA and CAC staff as applicable. Gave the nursery and ornamental survey presentation.
   - Developed and oversaw the development of outreach and training materials for the CAC and the CDFA staff on how to conduct surveys for the projects described above. Training materials

included; local survey manuals, PowerPoint presentations and training videos.
- Oversaw the development of and creation of presentations about the spotted lanternfly which were given at two Pesticide Applicators Professional Association seminars in California to teach registered pesticide applicators about the biology, invasion history, and how to survey for this key pest.
- Oversaw the development and creation of materials teaching CDFA staff how to screen traps for the black fig fly.
- Organized the Western SSC and PSS training sessions at the WPB in collaboration with the USDA, Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) and CAPS staff.
- Trained Environmental Scientists and Plant Division staff on how to create PPA7721 suggestions.
- No Public Service Announcements were conducted by the SSC during the reporting period.

3. Meetings:
   - Attended and participated in meetings with the CDFA, the APHIS, the USDA and the CAC staff to gain knowledge about California pest surveys and to gain competence in the SSC duties.
   - Attended NCC monthly calls and attended the annual NCC meeting.
   - Organized and led calls with the Western SSCs.
   - Provided key program updates and presented at the ACASA (Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association) Conference on October 9, 2025.
   - Attended and networked with university, state and federal scientists and regulatory officials at the California Forest Pest Council Annual Business Meeting on November 18, 2025 and oversaw the presentation given by the State Survey Specialist at this meeting.

4. Training:
   - Participated in and organized the SSC training at the Western Plant Board Meeting and attended talks at this meeting.
   - Attended the USDA's PPA 7721 2025 Suggester Webinar training.
   - Attended supervisory trainings with the CDFA.

B. *If appropriate, explain why objectives were not met.**

No Public Service Announcements were conducted by the SSC during the reporting period since this work was conducted by other CDFA staff.

C. *Where appropriate, explain any cost overruns or unobligated funds in excess of $1,000.**

Not applicable; no cost overruns are anticipated.

D. *Was all Pest Detection / CAPS survey data entered into the National Agricultural Pest Information System (NAPIS)? If not, please provide a justification.*

The accountability reports for agreements from fiscal year 2024 were completed. The semi-annual accountability reports for 2025 have been submitted and the annual accountability reports for 2025 have been started and will be submitted by their respective deadlines.

E. *Supporting Documents **(**if applicable**)***

Not applicable; none attached.

**Indicates information is required per 7 CFR 3016.40 and 7 CFR 3019.51*

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