

California Department of Food & Agriculture  
Integrated Pest Control Branch  
**Beet Curly Top Virus Control Board**  
2895 N. Larkin Ave. Suite A  
Fresno, CA 93727  
Conference Room  
**August 11, 2022**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Zach Bagley  
Darryl Bettencourt  
Dan Burns\*  
Ron Dalforno  
Joseph Nicholl\*  
Kyle Perez\*  
Jennifer Sanders\*

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mario Caimotto  
Daniel Waterhouse

**C DFA PERSONNEL**

Michelle Dennis\*  
Chris Dillon  
Lauren Murphy  
Canh Nguyen  
Chris Ogawa

\*Participated via zoom

**GUESTS**

Mike Monta, California Tomato Growers Association  
Libby Ouellette, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner, Fresno County\*

**INTRODUCTIONS**

The Beet Curly Top Virus Control Board (Board) Meeting was convened at 9:30 am by Board Chairman, Darryl Bettencourt, and introductions were made.

**BAGLEY-KEENE OPEN MEETING ACT**

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

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes from the Beet Curly Top Virus Control Board (BCTVCB) Spring 2022 Meeting that took place on March 16, 2022.

**MOTION:**

**Zach Bagley moved that the Board approve the minutes from the March 16, 2022 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Dalforno and passed with a vote of six yeas.**

**VOTES:**

**YES**

Zach Bagley  
Darryl Bettencourt  
Dan Burns  
Ron Dalforno

**NO**

None

**ABSTENTION**

None

Joseph Nicholl  
Kyle Perez

**BCTVCP SUREVEYS/RESOURCES STATEWIDE**

The Board discussed concerns regarding an increase in the incidence of beet curly top virus (BCTV) in new areas throughout the state that have not typically had BCTV. The Board discussed the need to establish a protocol for the upcoming seasons' surveys to determine which areas need to be surveyed and how to allocate the required resources.

Discussion followed.

The Board identified following items as priorities for the BCTVCP:

- Statewide BCTVCP public outreach and education for growers, pest control advisors, and industry
  - Coordinating with UC Cooperative Extension and County Agricultural Commissioner's Offices to put local meetings together
  - BCTVCP presentations at CAPCA and PAPA seminars
- Gaining access and surveying areas north of Hwy 152
- Work on an agreement with Caltrans to coordinate their schedule of the I-5 corridor mowing.
- More frequent communication between the BCTVCP and industry through reports, grower alerts, and updates
- Increase turnaround time on BCTV sample virus analysis results

Discussion followed.

**MOTION:**

**Ron Dalforno moved that the Board recommend establishing a Technical Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Zach Bagley and passed with a vote of six yeas.**

**VOTES:**

**YES**

**NO**

**ABSTENTION**

Zach Bagley  
Darryl Bettencourt  
Dan Burns  
Ron Dalforno  
Joseph Nicholl  
Kyle Perez

None

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS OR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Libby Ouellette commented on BCTVCP control operation notifications and asked that the Program continue to give as much advance notice as possible to the County Agricultural Commissioner's offices.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Mr. Bettencourt requested to have a follow up meeting to discuss action items that were discussed during today's meeting. Thursday, September 15, 2022 was selected as the date for the next Board meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Bettencourt adjourned the meeting at 11:05 am.

Lauren Murphy  
Secretary to the Board