

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
January 19, 2023
DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Darryl Bettencourt
Dan Burns*
Mario Caimotto
Ron Dalforno
Kyle Perez*
Jennifer Sanders*
Daniel Waterhouse*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Zach Bagley
Joseph Nicholl

CDFA PERSONNEL

Kaitlyn Beames
Michelle Dennis*
Derek Medina*
Lauren Murphy
Canh Nguyen
Chris Ogawa

*Participated via zoom

GUESTS

Mike Montna, California Tomato Growers Association

INTRODUCTIONS

The Beet Curly Top Virus Control Board (Board) Meeting was convened at 9:32 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) Meeting that took place on November 10, 2022.

MOTION:

Mario Caimotto moved that the Board approve the minutes from the November 10, 2022, Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Dalforno and passed unanimously.

VOTES:

YES

Darryl Bettencourt
Dan Burns
Mario Caimotto

NO

None

ABSTENTION

None

Ron Dalforno
Kyle Perez
Jennifer Sanders
Daniel Waterhouse

BCTVCP OPERATIONAL RESOURCES – Chris Ogawa

CDFA filled the Agricultural Pest Control Specialist (APCS) position for the Sacramento Valley and are in the process of training this new staff on survey protocols for the region. Additionally, the Program is in the process of posting job announcements for the eight board-approved Pest Prevention Assistant (PPA) positions. Two PPA positions are for the Sacramento Valley and six PPA positions are for the northern and southern San Joaquin Valley (SJV). All positions will be limited term and run year-round.

The Program is also working on job postings for two additional Agricultural Pest Control Specialist (APCS) positions. One APCS position for the Sacramento Valley and one APCS position for the northern SJV.

Finally, the Program is in the interview process for backfilling the Program's Environmental Scientist position.

Discussion followed.

BCTVCP RESEARCH – Michelle Dennis

LAMP UPDATE

There is currently no progress update on the beet curly top virus (BCTV) loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP) assay, but there should be an update for the next Board meeting.

RESEARCH AGREEMENT OPTIONS

The Program is moving forward with working on internal research options with University of California, Riverside, California State University, Fresno, and University of California, Merced. The Program is hoping to have an agreement in place by March 1, 2023.

Discussion followed

PUBLIC OUTREACH – Lauren Murphy

The Program is in the process of attending and presenting at local meetings in the northern and southern SJV and scheduling BCTV meetings in the Sacramento Valley to provide information on public outreach and resources. CDFA is continuing to coordinate with Pesticide Applicators Professional Association (PAPA) and California Association of Pest Control Advisors (CAPCA) to present at outreach seminars.

Discussion followed.

DIAGNOSTICS SUBCOMITTEE – Ron Dalforno and Lauren Murphy

The BCTVCB Diagnostics Subcommittee will convene its first meeting on Friday, February 3, 2023. All Board requested Subject Matter Experts have agreed to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion.

Discussion followed.

FISCAL MATTERS

2022/2023 ACTUAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES – Canh Nguyen

The Programs total FY 2022/2023 actual expenditures as of January 2023 were \$755,981.

Discussion followed.

2022/2023 RECEIVED AND PROJECTED REVENUE, ADJUSTMENTS – Canh Nguyen

The Received and Projected Revenue sheet by month for FY 2022/2023 was presented and reviewed. For FY 2022/2023, revenues received as of December 2022, were \$1,764,565.

Discussion followed.

2023/2024 PROPOSED BUDGET- Canh Nguyen

The FY 2023/2024 Proposed Budget was presented and reviewed. The FY 2023/2024 proposed budget is \$3,002,852. The Board decided to wait until the BCTVCB Spring 2023 Meeting to accept and approve a FY 2023/2024 Budget.

Discussion followed.

MOTION:

Mario Caimotto moved that the Board accept and approve the Proposed FY 22/23 Fund Agreement authorizing six monthly transfers of \$220,102.00 from January 31, 2023, through June 15, 2023, as needed. The motion was seconded by Ron Dalforno and passed unanimously.

VOTES:

YES

NO

ABSTENTION

Darryl Bettencourt
Dan Burns
Mario Caimotto
Ron Dalforno
Kyle Perez
Jennifer Sanders
Daniel Waterhouse

None

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Public outreach update
- Staffing resources breakdown and update

ADJOURN

Mr. Bettencourt adjourned the meeting at 11:03 am.

Lauren Murphy
Secretary to the Board