

California Department of Food & Agriculture
Integrated Pest Control Branch
CALIFORNIA COTTON PEST CONTROL BOARD
2895 N. Larkin Ave. Suite A
Fresno, CA 93727
Conference Room
December 1, 2022
DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chad Crivelli*
Gary Martin
Joey Mendonca
Ted Sheely
Bill Stone
Gregg Watta

MEMBERS ABSENT

Andrew Clark
Bob Hull

CDFA PERSONNEL

Kaitlyn Beames
Lauren Murphy
Canh Nguyen
Emily Schoenborn

*Participated via zoom

GUESTS

Melissa Cregan, Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner's Office*
Chris McLoughlin, California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association*
Lynda Schrupf, Kings County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

INTRODUCTIONS

The California Cotton Pest Control Board (Board) Meeting was convened at 9:38 am by Board Chairman, Ted Sheely, 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 California Cotton Pest Control Board (CCPCB) meeting that took place on May 5, 2022.

MOTION:

Gary Martin moved that the Board approve the minutes from the May 5, 2022, Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Stone and passed with a vote of five yeas. Mr. Crivelli joined the meeting late, after the first motion was already voted on, and therefore did not participate in this motion.

VOTES:

YES

Gary Martin
Joey Mendonca
Ted Sheely
Bill Stone

NO

None

ABSTENTION

None

Greg Watte

BOARD VACANCY – Lauren Murphy

There are currently two Board vacancies. The first vacant position is for a cotton grower in Merced County. The second vacant position is for a public member. A vacancy announcement will be sent out, and resumes will be accepted through April 30, 2023.

DISTRICT REPORTS

The Board Members presented brief updates on the 2022 cotton growing season for the various districts.

PROGRAM UPDATES

COTTON PEST CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATES – Emily Schoenborn

Ms. Schoenborn presented the 2022 Cotton Pest Control (CPC) Program (Program) work plan summary and provided program updates on pink bollworm trap monitoring, silverleaf whitefly survey, and cotton seed bug survey.

Discussion followed.

NAVAL ORANGEWORM PROJECT UPDATE – Lauren Murphy

Ms. Murphy provided an update on the Navel Orangeworm (NOW) Project for the 2022 season.

FISCAL MATTERS

2022/2023 ACTUAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES – Canh Nguyen

The Program’s total FY 2022/2023 actual expenditures as of November 2022 were \$439,728.

Discussion followed.

2022/2023 RECEIVED AND PROJECTED REVENUES – Canh Nguyen

The Received and Projected Revenue sheet by month for FY 2021/2022 was presented and reviewed. As of November 2022, the revenues received for FY 21/22 were \$619,870. Based on the California Cotton Pest Control Program mapped cotton acreage data for the 2022 cotton growing season, the projected revenues for FY 2022/2023 are \$802,710.

Discussion followed.

MOTION:

Bill Stone moved that the Board accept and approve the Proposed FY 22/23 Fund Agreement authorizing six monthly transfers of \$164,219 from January 15, 2023, through June 15, 2023, as needed. The motion was seconded by Greg Watte and passed unanimously.

VOTES:

YES

Chad Crivelli
Gary Martin
Joey Mendonca

NO

None

ABSTENTION

None

Ted Sheely
Bill Stone
Greg Watte

MOTION:

Gary Martin moved that the Board accept and approve the financial documents as presented: CCPCB Current Budget FY 22/23, Past Actual Expenditures, Fund Condition Statement, and Cotton Seed Bug Survey Budget. The motion was seconded by Joey Mendonca and passed unanimously.

VOTES:

YES

Chad Crivelli
Gary Martin
Joey Mendonca
Ted Sheely
Bill Stone
Greg Watte

NO

None

ABSTENTION

None

COTTON BALE ASSESMENT RATES

The Board briefly discussed the current cotton bale assessment rates and would like to revisit the assessment rates at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Interest rate options for Bank of the West account
- Research into what the Insurance line item is referring to on the CCPCP Budget
- Funding for cotton seed bug surveys
- Cotton bale assessment rates
- Funding for Arizona Cotton Research and Protection Council lease renewal

The Board agreed upon the following meeting dates for 2023:

- CCPCB Spring 2023 Meeting: Thursday May 18, 2023
- CCPCB Fall 2023 Meeting: Thursday December 7, 2023

ADJOURN

Mr. Sheely adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am.

Lauren Murphy
Secretary to the Board