

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
May 5, 2022
DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gary Martin
Joey Mendonca
Ted Sheely
Bill Stone
Gregg Watte

MEMBERS ABSENT

Andrew Clark
Chad Crivelli
Bob Hull

CDEA PERSONNEL

Kaitlyn Beames
Michelle Dennis*
Lauren Murphy
Canh Nguyen
Emily Schoenborn

*Participated via zoom

GUESTS

Lynda Schrupf, Kings County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

INTRODUCTIONS

The California Cotton Pest Control Board (Board) Meeting was convened at 9:40 am by Acting Board Chairman, Bill Stone, 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 Board meeting that took place on December 2, 2021.

MOTION:

Gary Martin moved that the Board approve the minutes from the December 2, 2021 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Greg Watte and passed unanimously.

VOTES:

YES

Gary Martin
Joey Mendonca
Ted Sheely
Bill Stone
Greg Watte

NO

ABSTENTION

BOARD VACANCY

Lauren Murphy stated that in April 2022 Dan Munk, the Public Member, retired from the Board. She further stated that 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.

Discussion followed.

DISTRICT REPORTS

The Board Members presented brief updates for the various districts.

KINGS COUNTY

Bill Stone stated the cotton is looking good. However, they're in the Westlands Water District where water is limited and requires them to leave 10 percent of the farms fallow.

Linda Schrupp provided an update and said Kings County has 61,500 acres of commercial cotton permitted for the current season, down approximately 20 thousand acres from last year, each year been dropping significantly.

FRESNO COUNTY

Gary Martin stated that the cotton was looking good around his area. There was some early season rain which resulted in some cotton needing to be replanted. The cotton is growing now, and most of the seeds have sprouted.

KERN COUNTY

Joey Mendonca stated that the cotton looked good in his area. There was a lot of rain, and all cotton seeds came out and is off to a good start. However, cotton acreage is down from last year due to water issues.

TULARE COUNTY

Greg Watte stated that this year in his area Pima is up but expects to lose overall acreage due to the loss of water. The stands look good, but there is some *Fusarium*.

PROGRAM UPDATES

COTTON PEST CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE

Emily Schoenborn presented the 2022 Cotton Pest Control (CPC) Program (Program) work plan summary and provided a Program update on pink bollworm trap monitoring and silverleaf whitefly survey.

Discussion followed.

NAVAL ORANGEWORM PROJECT UPDATE

Lauren Murphy provided an update on the Navel Orangeworm (NOW) Project. She stated that this year the project is continuing with the same acreage, zones, and aerial release schedule as the 2021 season.

Discussion followed.

COTTON SEED BUG UPDATE

Michelle Dennis presented an update on the cotton seed bug.

Discussion followed.

FISCAL MATTERS

2021/2022 ACTUAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Canh Nguyen reviewed the Program budget. The Program’s total FY 2021/2022 actual expenditures as of April 2022 were \$819,644.

Discussion followed.

2021/2022 RECEIVED AND PROJECTED REVENUES

Mr. Nguyen reviewed the Received and Projected Revenue sheet for FY 2021/2022. As of April 2022, the revenues received are \$430,808 with several season assessments still pending. Based on the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association’s 2022 cotton crop acreage survey data, projected revenues for FY 2022/2023 are \$795,600.

Discussion followed.

MOTION:

Gary Martin moved that the Board accept and approve the Proposed FY 22/23 Fund Agreement authorizing six monthly transfers of \$164,219 from July 15, 2022 through December 15, 2022, as needed. The motion was seconded by Bill Stone and passed unanimously.

VOTES:

YES

NO

ABSTENTION

Gary Martin
Joey Mendonca
Ted Sheely
Bill Stone
Greg Watte

None

None

MOTION:

Joey Mendonca moved that the Board accept and approve the financial documents as presented: CCPCB Current Budget FY 21/22 and Proposed Budget FY 22/23, Past Actual Expenditures, Received and Projected Revenue FY 21/22, and Fund Condition Statement. The motion was seconded by Greg Watte and passed unanimously.

VOTES:

YES

NO

ABSTENTION

Gary Martin
Joey Mendonca
Ted Sheely
Bill Stone

None

None

Greg Watte

MOTION:

Bill Stone moved that the Board accept and approve the Cotton Seed Bug Survey Budget for the 2022 cotton season. The motion was seconded by Gary Martin and passed unanimously.

VOTES:

YES

Gary Martin
Joey Mendonca
Ted Sheely
Bill Stone
Greg Watte

NO

None

ABSTENTION

None

COTTON BALE ASSESMENT RATES

The Board briefly discussed the Cotton Bale Assessment Rates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Ms. Murphy reminded the Board of the future meeting date that is set:

- Fall Board Meeting: Thursday, December 1, 2022.

MOTION:

Gary Martin moved that the Board request Cdfa staff distribute updated assessment revenue information for FY 21/22 as soon as it's available. The motion was seconded by Joey Mendonca and passed unanimously.

VOTES:

YES

Gary Martin
Joey Mendonca
Ted Sheely
Bill Stone
Greg Watte

NO

None

ABSTENTION

None

ADJOURN

Mr. Sheely adjourned the meeting at 11:12 am.

Lauren Murphy
Secretary to the Board