

**California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
Minutes**

of the Meeting/Video Conferencing
of the Nursery Advisory Board (NAB)
Held on Thursday, September 9, 2021
1220 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

NURSERY ADVISORY BOARD (NAB)

Voting Members

Members Present: David Cox, Michael Frantz, Bruce Jensen, Janet Silva Kister, Daniel Waterhouse

Members Absent: Don Dillon, Dustin Hooper, Jay Jensen, Thomas Lucas

Non-Voting Members

Present: Ha Dang, Lorence Oki, Chris Zanobini

Absent: Karen Suslow

OTHER ATTENDEES*

Kyle Beucke, Fred Ceballos, Andrew Cline, Dani Diele, Katie Filippini, Nate Foust-Meyer, Mark Gill, Dante Gonzales, Dana Groot, Jan Hall, Lisa Herbert, Juan Koponen, Joshua Kress, Eric Larsen, Katie Little, Don Massie, Mark McLaughlin, Erin Otto, Greg Parra, Michael Paule, David Pegos, Kerstin Pohlman, Nawal Sharma, Beth Stone-Smith, Matt Travis, Kristina Weber

*As self-reported in the Zoom application

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Chair Janet Silva Kister called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and conducted roll call. A quorum was present for the Board.

OPENING REMARKS AND HOUSEKEEPING

Kister reviewed general meeting guidelines, including compliance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

UPDATE ON SPOTTED LANTERNFLY (SLF) AND THE THREAT IT POSES TO CALIFORNIA

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and CDFA staff provided presentations

regarding spotted lanternfly (SLF), *Lycorma delicatula*.

Spotted Lanternfly Program FY 21 Operational Update

Erin Otto (National Policy Manager for SLF), Matt Travis (Multi-State Coordinator for SLF), and Greg Parra (Staff Scientist) presented on federal operations related to SLF (attached), including:

- Background
- Current SLF population areas
- FY 21 Program Goals
- Program Activities in FY 20, including detection and survey, treatments for infested areas, research regarding treatments, and biological controls
- Future proposed work on SLF, including canine detection, treatment alternatives, and additional research related to green industry

Spotted Lanternfly: Keeping this Pest out of California

Mark McLoughlin, David Pegos, Kyle Beucke, and Colleen Murphy presented on state activities and information related to SLF (attached), including:

- Present infestation in 9 states
- 6 states with interior quarantines (no federal quarantine)
- Summary of SLF finds in air cargo in California since 2019
- Potential distribution of SLF in the US
- Impacts of SLF to grapes (i.e. killing vines, peak feeding near/at harvest)
- Tools in the toolbox (i.e. insecticide sprays, *Ailanthus* removal)
- Steps taken in CA to reduce potential for introduction

Questions and comments from the Board included: pest range and mobility of SLF, potential for establishment of SLF in the San Joaquin Valley, the potential for nursery stock as a pathway for SLF, other commercial hosts, outreach efforts regarding SLF, and how industry can proactively work with CDFA and USDA to prevent disruptions to commerce.

There were no public comments related to this agenda item.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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