

CPDPC Executive Committee Webinar Meeting

July 10, 2020 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Jim Gordon at 1:34 p.m. on July 10, 2020. There was a quorum of the Executive Committee and the following were in attendance via webinar:

Executive Committee Members Present:

Bob Felts*	Mark McBroom*	Keith Watkins*
Jim Gordon*	Dr. Etienne Rabe*	

CDFA Staff:

Carl Baum*	Victoria Hornbaker*	Lydia Rodriguez*
Brian Bishop*	Anmol Joshi*	Michael Soltero *
Paul Figueroa*	Zach McCormack	Claudia Vasquez*
Ryan Fong*	Alex Muniz*	Jennifer Willems*
David Gutiérrez*	Keith Okasaki*	
Amelia Hicks*	David Phong*	

Other Attendees:

Price Adams*	Sylvia Robillard*	Judy Zaninovich*
Teri Blaser*	Cressida Silvers*	Sandra Zwaal*
Jessica Leslie*		

*Participated via webinar

Opening Comments:

Jim Gordon welcomed the Executive Committee, guests, and staff participating via webinar. There were no public comments.

Finance Subcommittee Report

2019-20 Expenditure and Revenue Reports

Bob Felts, Jr. stated that the 2019-20 Fiscal Year (FY) expenditures were \$15,226,440 to date, out of a total approved budget of \$40,487,145, leaving a remaining balance of approximately \$25,260,700. Bob mentioned that Ryan Fong is working on an expenditure projection form. Manual tracking is slightly ahead of Fi\$Cal tracking, this is due to a difference in processing times and the numbers are getting closer together. Ryan discussed the various columns on the expenditure projection form. Carl added that the fund condition statement shows 2019-20 as the current FY because May and June of 2020 have not yet been closed. Once those months close, 2019-20 financials will move to prior year column and 2020-21 will be the current FY. Alisha presented an assessment processing PowerPoint which included collection forms and processes, remittance form and calculations, and tracking assessments. Bob added that June brought in just short of \$2 million in revenue for a total of \$15 million and that revenues are on track versus prior years. Victoria commented that auditing packing houses to ensure the tonnage reported is accurate is something that she hopes to add in the near future.

2020-21 Budget Preparation

The budget is a work in progress and Victoria is working with the Regional Managers to get input on specific needs to get accurate projections for the budget. This is a new process as previous years' projections did not have the benefit of local knowledge from the Regional Managers.

Operations Subcommittee Report

Keith Watkins noted that the main thing that came out of Operations Subcommittee was looking at potential boundary changes in the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) Quarantine Zone 5. The regulatory working group met and decided that rather than divide Zone 5 it would be better to develop a permit, similar to Quality Control Permit 1486, to reduce the burden on growers who are going from well-treated areas into ones with higher ACP populations. It allows more flexibility and doesn't penalize those who are successful in pest-mitigation by allowing growers to go into an adjacent Huanglongbing (HLB) quarantine area without additional mitigation measures. Allocation of resources will be discussed at the next meeting.

Science Subcommittee Report

Dr. Etienne Rabe reported on the Science Subcommittee and stated that ethyl formate was discussed and that there still has been no movement with the Environmental Protection Agency EPA. He also discussed organic fruit movement; there currently is not an organic insecticide, but other options are being explored. Dr. Rabe stated that grate cleaning is the only approved mitigation for organic groves and that ACP detector dogs might be useful in organic groves to indicate that the grove is free of ACP. HLB tree removal is an ongoing discussion and additional data is needed to see how effective the program has been. The efficacy of no-mitigation, removal only, chemical only, and chemical plus removal methods to eradicate HLB has been reviewed via computer modeling. However, due to a lack of computer access to run simulations, the current models and projections can only go five (5) years out.

Dr. Monique Rivera will be joining the Science Subcommittee and Dr. Rabe reviewed the data she presented to them previously. This data was regarding refusals and number of households treated. At best, according to Dr. Rivera's analysis, the program gets 80 to 85 percent of households/backyards treated. The process from detection of HLB, to tree removal and treatment can take weeks, but the smaller radius should help to know the best and worst-case scenario timeline. Victoria asked Dr. Rivera to look at buffer treatments area-wide and it was determined there was a terminology issue, which Dr. Rivera is working on with Anmol Joshi.

Recommendation to develop an amended permit for unmitigated movement from an adjacent ACP Quarantine area to an HLB quarantine was put forth as a motion. The motion was approved by Bob Felts, Jim Gordon, Keith Watkins, Mark McBroom, and Dr. Rabe. Keith Watkins supports endorsing the recommendation to the Full Committee at the July 15, 2020 meeting.

Outreach Subcommittee Report

Discuss Grower Liaisons and Assembly Bill (AB) 5 Impacts

Mark reported that the Outreach Subcommittee is trying to reconfigure some aspects of the Grower Liaison program and a working group may be created to review and revise the program. As CPDPD has matured and the grower base has understood the impacts of the ACP quarantine zones, more area-wide treatment zones and pest control districts (PCD) have been formed. As a result of new PCD locations, there is more local grower communication. In areas that do not have a PCD, a grower liaison would be beneficial. Victoria noted that David Gutiérrez has been

working on Assembly Bill (AB) 5 in CDFA and that several interested parties have been identified as potential working group members. Additionally, Victoria stated that CPDPD has received amended language from the Legal Office, the language states that the contractor is responsible for meeting all requirements of AB 5. This language has been added to the scope of work for the Statewide coordinator, San Diego grower liaison and Riverside grower liaison request for proposals. Judy Zaninovich suggested contracts be cancelled in a staggered fashion, if that needs to occur, rather than all at once in order to ensure sufficient coverage for the regions. The working group will discuss the contract cancellation once it is formed.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 7, 2020.