

CITRUS PEST DETECTION PROGRAM
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA TRISTEZA ERADICATION AGENCY
22847 Road 140, Tulare, California

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE Via Zoom:

Commissioners: John N. Fisher IV and John Corkins (*Kern County Citrus PCD – KCCPCD*)
James McKinney and Roberto Farias Moeller (*Central Valley PCD -CVPCD*)
Steve Scarbrough, (*Southern Tulare County Citrus PCD-STCCPCD*)

In-Person Attendance at CPDP:

Commissioner: Jim Zimmerman (*Southern Tulare County Citrus PCD-STCCPCD*)
Staff: Dr. Subhas Hajeri, Managing Director; Karen Westerman, Field Ops Manager; Mia Neunzig, Administrative Manager

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Fisher IV called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All in attendance identified themselves.

OPEN SESSION:

Public Comments

None

Adopt Resolution 2023-03: Adoption of Name Change for Joint Powers Authority Entity

Managing Director Dr. Hajeri reviewed the discussion and motion made regarding the name change of the program. He explained that when speaking with staff from the Secretary of the State, they requested that we send a signed Resolution in addition to the name change application. Thus the need for the special meeting today.

It was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Corkins, to adopt Resolution number 2023-03, Adoption of Name Change for Joint Powers Authority Entity. The motion carried on a roll call vote, all in attendance voting AYE.

Approve Change in the Title from “Program Director” to “Managing Director”

Managing Director Dr. Hajeri shared that he had requested a title change for the purpose of extending his visa. He presented a slide detailing his immigration journey and explained that he had two pathways to follow. The first was to modify his job title and description to apply for a three-year extension on his O-1A visa, which was set to expire in August 2023. The second was to apply for green card status, which he had already been approved for in January 2023. He expected to receive his physical green card within the next 22 months, after which he would no longer need to apply for a visa extension. The Commissioners congratulated him on his progress and looked forward to his future citizenship application.

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner Farias Moeller, to approve the title change from Program Director to Managing Director. The motion carried on a roll call vote, all in attendance voting AYE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Manager Neunzig presented the meeting dates for fiscal year 2023 and asked that the August meeting date be changed due to a scheduling conflict. The board agreed to schedule the August meeting on August 17, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Fisher adjourned the meeting at 1:14 pm.

John N. Fisher IV, Chairman

Mia Neunzig, Recording Secretary/Admin. Manager