

**CITRUS PEST DETECTION PROGRAM
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA TRISTEZA ERADICATION AGENCY**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
22847 Road 140, Tulare, California**

June 19, 2019

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners: Dennis McFarlin (alternate), James McKinney (*Central Valley PCD - CVPCD*); John Corkins, John Fisher, (*Kern County Citrus PCD – KCCPCD*); Steve Scarbrough, Jim Zimmerman (*Southern Tulare County Citrus PCD - STCCPCD*). **Staff:** Jill Barnier, Program Manager; Dr. Subhas Hajeri, Plant Pathologist/Lab Operations Manager; Karen Westerman, Field Operations Manager. **Others:** Tom Tucker, Tulare County Ag Commissioner; Judy Zaninovich, CPDPC Grower Liaison. **Commissioners absent:** Jonathan Moody (*KCCPCD*); Stan Ishii (*CVPCD*).

I. CALL TO ORDER: Vice-chairman Fisher called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

II. OPEN SESSION:

A. Public Comments: Vice-chairman Fisher indicated that public comments would be welcome during the course of the meeting as each agenda item was addressed.

B. Minutes: It was moved by Commissioner Scarbrough, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 17, 2019 as mailed. The motion carried on a voice vote, all present voting AYE.

C. Adopt Resolution 2019-01: Adoption of Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020: Ms. Barnier noted that there had been no changes from the preliminary presentation in April. It was moved by Commissioner Corkins, seconded by Commissioner McKinney, to adopt Resolution 2019-01, Approval of Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The motion carried on a roll call vote, each commissioner present voting AYE.

D. Reports:

1. Ag Commissioners: Tulare County Ag Commissioner Tom Tucker gave a report on a pesticide drift event on June 18 that is now under investigation. He focused on the implications for all growers. Mr. Tucker gave an update on bulk citrus movements and inspections (which are winding down), noting that while most loads are being tarped, they are still working on making sure it is being done completely and correctly. He provided maps of residential Glassy-winged Sharpshooter trap finds in Porterville and Visalia. He discussed ongoing treatment and biocontrol efforts, and the implications in that program for the potential future of ACP control strategies.

Grower Liaison Judy Zaninovich reviewed the ACP/HLB progression in the Los Angeles basin, and provided an update on San Joaquin Valley activity. She invited attendance at the grower meeting coming up on Thursday, June 27 in Exeter, where one among many pertinent topics will be the Grower Voluntary Action Plan being developed by the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee. She complimented the valley commitment to coordinated treatments.

2. Pest Control District Updates: Representatives of each District reported that meetings and public hearings were held at which they elected officers, appointed representatives to the CTEA Board, approved the MOU with the CPDPC, and adopted budgets for 2019-2020.

3. Departmental Operations:

a. Field Activities – April and May 2019: Field Operations Manager Karen Westerman reviewed the written report of field activities. She reported that the last day of seasonal field work was June 10, except for two crews (each with two members) doing the Croptix scanning in the CVPCD.

b. Laboratory Activities – April and May 2019: Laboratory Operations Manager Subhas Hajeri reviewed the written report of laboratory activities, and described the allocation of time between PCR and ELISA preparation and testing. He reported on receipt of samples on a contract basis from a grower, with tests for HLB, CTV, Stubborn, and assorted viroids, and the benefits of the PCR system to be able to provide this variety of tests as needed.

i. Greenhouse/Screenhouse Activities: Dr. Hajeri reported that there are not currently any activities beyond general upkeep.

ii. MAC Research Proposal: Dr. Hajeri reported that an expanded version of the research proposal to study the best tissue (roots, leaves, fruit) for PCR detection of HLB at various times of year (already submitted to the CRB) has been submitted for MAC funding consideration. Participants in this version are the CPDP, CDFA, and USDA in a multi-state proposal, and activities will include testing trees at UCRiverside that are being monitored due to canine alerts.

c. Administrative Activities:

i. Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2019-2020: **It was moved by Commissioner Corkins, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to elect the following slate of officers for the next fiscal year: John Fisher, Chair; Steve Scarbrough, Vice-chair; James McKinney, Secretary/Treasurer. The motion carried on a voice vote, all present voting AYE.**

ii. Review and Approve Audit Proposal for FY 2018-2019: **It was moved by Commissioner Corkins, seconded by Commissioner (alternate) McFarlin, to accept the M. Green and Company proposal at a cost not to exceed \$14,500. The motion carried on a voice vote, all present voting AYE.**

iii. SDRMA Board of Director Elections: Following Ms. Barnier's review of voting requirements, **it was moved by Director Corkins, seconded by Director Scarbrough, to cast votes for Bob Swan, Patrick O'Rourke, and Sandy Seifert-Raffelson. The motion carried on a voice vote, all present voting AYE.**

iv. Income and Expenses: April and May 2019: Ms. Barnier reviewed the written reports.

v. Review and Ratify Warrant Lists – April and May 2019: **It was moved by Commissioner Corkins, seconded by Commissioner (alternate) McFarlin, to ratify payment of the bills as listed on the warrant lists for April and May. The motion carried on a voice vote, all present voting AYE.**

vi. Water System Treatment Update: Ms. Barnier reported that testing is now settling into a regular schedule for the four point-of-use nitrate treatment units. The test taken last week showed an increase in nitrate, so she contacted Culligan to service the unit and will then arrange for a followup test.

vii. Capital Expenditures: None.

viii. Request to Reschedule October Board Meeting: Ms. Barnier stated that a conflict exists for the meeting scheduled for October 16, and asked for a change in date. By consensus, that meeting will be rescheduled for October 23, 2019.

E. Announcements: None.

III. ADJOURNMENT: Vice-chairman Fisher adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

John Fisher, Vice-chair

Jill Barnier, Assistant Secretary