

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, October 18, 2022

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE at 22847 Road 140, Tulare (CPDP office):

Directors: John Fisher (*Kern County Citrus PCD – KCCPCD*)

Jim Zimmerman (*Southern Tulare County Citrus PCD-STCCPCD*)

Jay Gillette (*Central Valley PCD -CVPCD*)

Staff: Dr. Subhas Hajeri, Program Director; Mia Neunzig, Administrative Manager, Karen Westerman, Field Operation Manager

Other: Jessica Leslie, Southern Tulare County Grower Liaison; Chris Greer, Tulare County Ag Commissioner; Lisa Finke, Canine Detection Program; Sam Lok, Pinnacle Technologies; Teri Blaser, Northern Tulare County Grower Liaison; Libby Ouellette, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner County of Fresno, Department of Agriculture; Mary Quillin, M. Green and Company

ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM:

Directors: John Corkins (Kern County Citrus PCD – KCCPCD)

Other: Judy Zaninovich, Kern ACP/HLB Grower Liaison;

Cerise Montanio, Kern County Ag Protection Deputy Director

Casey Creamer, Citrus Mutual President/CEO

Kelley Aubushon, CDFA Visalia Office

Absent Directors: James McKinney and Steve Scarbrough

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Fisher called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All in attendance identified themselves.

OPEN SESSION:

Public Comments: None

Minutes: Regular Meeting, August 17, 2022

It was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Corkins, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 17, 2022, as presented. The motion carried on a roll call vote, all in attendance voting AYE.

Presentation of 2021-22 Annual Audit

Mary Quillin of M. Green and Company, presented the audit report for fiscal year 2021-2022. She reviewed the summary letter and explained the purpose and highlights of the “Management’s Discussion and Analysis” section prepared by the CCTEA Management team. Ms. Quillin pointed out that the Independent Auditors’ Report offered an “unqualified” opinion, which is the best available. She reviewed the following pieces of the audit report: Balance Sheet, Statement of Activity, Note Disclosures, and Budget to Actuals.

It was moved by Commissioner Gillette, seconded by Commissioner Corkins, to approve the audit report as presented. The motion carried on a roll call vote, all in attendance voting AYE.

Reports

Pest Control District Updates

None

Ag Commissioners Updates

Chris Greer, Tulare County Ag Commissioner reported the county has three full time bulk citrus inspectors that enforce the tarping regulations for ACP. There is also staff that check incoming packages at FedEx and UPS hubs in the early mornings. So far for 2022 there have been over 2,300 inspections, 85 notice of violations, and 13 pending "notice of proposed actions." He also reported that there were treatments done in July for urban glassy winged sharpshooter in Dinuba, Farmersville, and in the city of Tulare. Lastly, he reported that Tom continues to actively search for abandoned properties. He also handed out the 2021 Tulare County Crop and Livestock Report.

Cerise Montanio, Kern County Ag Protection Deputy Director reported that export inspections have recently started in their county. She noted that there have been many ACP finds recently and they are working closely with CDFA to have delimitation and detection trapping done.

Libby Ouellette, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner County of Fresno reported that bulk citrus inspections have started for this season. They currently have 10 part-time inspectors and two inspection dogs. . There have been very few ACP finds. There was one regulatory find at a packing house in August.

CPDPC Grower Liaisons

Teri Blaser, Fresno County GL reported that since the last meeting there has been one new regulatory find at a packing house in Woodlake along with a regulatory find in Fowler. There was also a large find in Visalia.

Jessica Leslie, Southern Tulare County GL reported there have been two recent residential finds in the Lindsay area. There have been no other finds in Southern Tulare County since January.

Judy Zaninovich, Kern ACP/HLB Grower Liaison reported 12 new ACP detections in the Arvin area as of last week. Additional finds in the Maricopa area, seven commercial detections, and one commercial citrus detection East of Arvin, which gives a total of 41 detections for the year.

CDFA Updates

None

CCM Updates

None

Canine Detection Service

Lisa Finke, Canine Detection Program reviewed her PowerPoint presentation and shared the work her dog teams have done in Southern California. She reported that her funding has been extended through June 2023. She also reported that she has been working with her dog teams in Arizona.

Departmental Operations

Field Activities: August and September 2022

Karen Westerman, Field Operations Manager reviewed the report included in the board packet noting, there are two crews working in Kern County, one crew working in Southern Tulare County, one crew working in Central Valley and one crew working in Tulare County as contracted work.

Laboratory Activities: August and September 2022

Program Director Dr. Hajeri reported the lab has been looking through the vials that are turned in from the field department. He also noted that CCTEA now has a MOU to work with CDFA on the CYVCV. CCTEA will be working with Ray Yokomi on this new virus.

Administrative Activities

CDFA/CCTEA MOU on CTV

Administrative Manager Neunzig reviewed the updated MOU between CDFA and CCTEA.

CDFA/CCTEA MOU on CYVCV

Administrative Manager Neunzig explained that this MOU will allow CCTEA staff to work with Ray Yokomi and share information regarding CYVCV.

Income and Expenses: August and September 2022

Administrative Manager Neunzig reviewed the reports included in the board packet.

Review and Ratify Warrant List – August and September 2022

It was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Gillette, to ratify the warrant lists for August and September, 2022. The motion carried on a roll call vote, each Commissioner present voting AYE.

Announcements

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Fisher adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

John Fisher, Chairman

Mia Neunzig, Recording Secretary/Admin.
Manager