

# CENTRAL CALIFORNIA TRISTEZA ERADICATION AGENCY

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING 22963 Carson Avenue, Exeter, California

June 21, 2017

### MINUTES

**ATTENDANCE:** **Commissioners:** Stan Ishii, Dennis Johnston (alternate), Jonathan Moody, Steve Scarbrough, Jim Zimmerman. **Staff:** Jill Barnier, Program Manager; Dr. Subhas Hajeri, Plant Pathologist/Lab Operations Manager; Karen Westerman, Field Operations Manager. **Others:** Marilyn Kinoshita, Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner; Les Wright, Fresno County Ag Commissioner. **Commissioners absent:** John Corkins, John Fisher, Dean Gillette.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Ishii called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

#### II. OPEN SESSION:

A. **Public Comments:** Chairman Ishii 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 19, 2017 as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote, all present voting AYE.

C. **Adopt Resolution 2017-01: Adoption of Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018:** Ms. Barnier explained that the final budget increased to \$2,032,385 (from the originally proposed \$1,831,647) based on the increased contribution elected by the Kern County Citrus Pest Control District. This will provide for survey levels to remain the same as the current year. It was moved by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Commissioner Scarbrough, to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 via Resolution 2017-01. The motion carried on a roll call vote, each Commissioner and Alternate present voting AYE.

#### D. Reports:

1. **Ag Commissioners:** Tulare County Ag Commissioner reported on enforcement efforts relating to the new tarping regulations. One small shed has been shut down until it reaches compliance, and five abatement notices have been issued (of which three have been cleaned up). Fresno County Ag Commissioner Les Wright reported that they cannot begin enforcement until the contract with CDFA is in place. In the interim, cursory reviews are being conducted. Continuing treatment is occurring for ACP finds in Fresno County, where they are working well with grower liaison Sylvie Robillard.

2. **Pest Control District Updates:** Representatives of the Central Valley, Southern Tulare County, and Kern County Citrus Pest Control Districts all reported that their respective Boards met, and adopted their 2017-2018 fiscal year budgets.

#### 3. **Departmental Operations:**

a. **Field Activities – April and May, 2017:** Field Operations Manager Karen Westerman reviewed the written report of field activities for April and May. She reported that collections were all completed on June 7, and all removals (five near the Lindcove Research and Extension Center, two in the STCCPCD, and seven in the KCCPCD) will be completed by June 22.

b. **Laboratory Activities – April and May, 2017:** Laboratory Operations Manager Subhas Hajeri reviewed the written report of tests completed for April and May.

- i. Update on Molecular Biology (PCR) Laboratory Activities: Dr. Hajeri reported that there was no PCR testing while the ELISA laboratories were operating, but he is now testing controls received from CDFA.
- c. Greenhouse/Screenhouse Activities: Dr. Hajeri reported on the growth progress of the Yokomi study trees in the screenhouse.
- d. Administrative Activities:
  - i. Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2017-2018: **It was moved by Commissioner Scarbrough, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to continue the current slate of officers. The motion carried on a voice vote, all present voting AYE.**
  - ii. SDRMA Board of Director Elections (Resolution 2017-02): **It was moved by Commissioner Scarbrough, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to adopt Resolution 2017-02, electing candidates Unruh, Schaefer, Aranda, and Bracy to the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors. The motion carried on a roll call vote, each Director present voting AYE.**
  - iii. Review and Approve Audit Proposal for FY 2017-2018: **It was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to accept the M. Green and Company proposal. The motion carried on a voice vote, all present voting AYE.**
  - iv. Comments regarding Discussion at Joint Meeting of SJV Citrus Pest Control Districts: Commissioner Scarbrough commented that the meeting was a good start on a proactive approach to ACP/HLB. Discussion touched on CDFA's response to inconclusive PCR results; the efficacy of dog teams; and the KCCPCD pilot tree removal program.
  - v. Income and Expenses: April and May, 2017: Ms. Barnier reviewed the written reports.
  - vi. Review and Ratify Warrant Lists – April and May, 2017: **It was moved by Commissioner Scarbrough, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to ratify the warrants for April and May 2017. The motion carried on a voice vote, all present voting AYE.**
  - vii. Update on Risk-based Survey Model Development Project: Ms. Barnier reported that the Multi-pest Survey Modeling Technician position has been filled. Wei Liao (Joy) is expected to begin work about the middle of August. USDA background checking and security clearance procedures are already under way.
  - viii. Capital Expenditures: None.

**D. Announcements:** The next meeting of the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee (CPDPC) will be held on Wednesday, July 12, somewhere in the local area. The next CCTEA Board meeting will be held on August 16, 2017.

**III. ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Ishii adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.