

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

August 21, 2019

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners: Stan Ishii, James McKinney (*Central Valley PCD - CVPCD*); Jonathan Moody (*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:** Jim Rudig, TAC member; Tom Tucker, Tulare County Ag Commissioner; Judy Zaninovich, CPDPC Grower Liaison. **Commissioners absent:** John Corkins, John Fisher (*KCCPCD*).

I. CALL TO ORDER: Vice-chairman Scarbrough called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

II. OPEN SESSION:

A. Public Comments: Vice-chairman Scarbrough 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 Ishii, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 19, 2019 as mailed. The motion carried on a voice vote, all present voting AYE.

C. Reports:

1. Ag Commissioners: Mr. Tucker provided updates on: 1) the bulk citrus tarping program, and improving compliance; 2) abandoned citrus abatements; glassy-winged sharpshooter residential treatments; and 4) more stringent EPA requirements anticipated for the use and handling of Paraquat.

Judy Zaninovich reported on efforts to organize organic growers for ACP control. She provided a handout giving an update on ACP detections in the San Joaquin valley (none since the June meeting), as well as the latest increase in the total number of HLB-positive trees (still all residential, and all in southern California). There was extensive discussion about ACP population factors.

2. Pest Control District Updates: No meetings were held in any Districts.

3. Departmental Operations:

a. Field Activities – June and July, 2019: Field Operations Manager Karen Westerman reviewed the written report of survey, removal, and mapping activities.

b. Laboratory Activities – June and July, 2019: Laboratory Operations Manager Subhas Hajeri reviewed the written report of testing by ELISA (for CTV) and PCR (for HLB), noting that all samples tested for HLB were negative.

i. Greenhouse/Screenhouse Activities: Dr. Hajeri reported that greenhouse activity has focused on maintenance. He gave a brief update on Dr. Yokomi's ongoing screenhouse research project.

ii. Research Proposal Update: Dr. Hajeri reviewed the purpose and work plan for the proposal he submitted to both the CRB and HLB-MAC (USDA), to investigate the best tissue for PCR testing in various seasons. The proposal was declined by HLB-MAC (USDA).

However, after a presentation to the CRB on August 14, Dr. Hajeri was encouraged by the interest expressed. He expects a CRB response by the end of September.

c. Administrative Activities:

i. Review and Approve Resolution 2019-02: Approving the Form of and Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding and Authorizing Participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority's Health Benefits Program: Ms. Barnier stated that the Agency has been a participant in this program for over 10 years, and the current action is to accept amendments approved by the SDRMA Board of Directors. She reviewed the changes, as provided by the SDRMA. **It was moved by Commissioner Ishii, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to adopt Resolution 2019-02. The motion carried on a roll call vote, each Commissioner present voting AYE.**

ii. Income and Expenses: June and July, 2019: Ms. Barnier reviewed the written reports, noting that the June figures should match up with the audit when it is completed (it is schedule for on-site field work 9/06 – 9/10).

iii. Review and Ratify Warrant List – June and July, 2019: **It was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner McKinney, to ratify the warrant lists for June and July, 2019. The motion carried on a voice vote, all present voting AYE.**

iv. Capital Expenditures: There were no capital requests.

D. Announcements: Ms. Barnier reminded the Board that the next meeting will be October 23, 2019.

III. ADJOURNMENT: Vice-chairman Scarbrough adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Vice-chairman Steve Scarbrough

James McKinney, Secretary

Jill Barnier, Assistant Secretary