

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2022

MINUTES

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

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

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

James McKinney and Jay Gillette (*Central Valley PCD -CVPCD*)

Staff: Dr. Subhas Hajeri, Program Director; Mia Neunzig, Administrative Manager

Other: Judy Zaninovich, Kern ACP/HLB Grower Liaison; Tom Tucker, Tulare County Ag Commissioner; Lisa Finke, Canine Detection Program; Sam Lok, Pinnacle Technologies

ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM:

Other: Jessica Leslie, Southern Tulare County Grower Liaison; Teri Blaser, Northern Tulare County Grower Liaison; Jennifer Willems, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), Glenn Frankhauser, Kern County Ag Commissioner

Absent Directors: None

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Fisher called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All in attendance identified themselves.

OPEN SESSION:

Public Comments: None

Minutes: Regular Meeting, October 18, 2022

It was moved by Commissioner Corkins, seconded by Commissioner Scarbrough, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 18, 2022, as presented. The motion carried on a roll call vote, all in attendance voting AYE.

Reports

Pest Control District Updates

Central Valley nothing to report.

Kern County nothing to report.

Southern Tulare- Commissioner Zimmerman reported that there was a meeting held on November 29th. The final performance of the budget for fiscal year 2021/2022 was reviewed.

Ag Commissioners

Tom Tucker, Tulare County Ag Commissioner, shared a report with the board. He noted that in 2022 there were 93 notices of violations. He also noted tarping has been improved, and now it is more common to see tarps down to the bed of the trucks. Next, he discussed abandoned and neglected orchards and that there are fewer of those. Lastly, he mentioned that the glassy-winged sharpshooter program is almost done and coming to a close.

CPDPC Grower Liaisons

Jessica Leslie- Southern Tulare GL reported there have been quite a few new ACP detections since her last report. In October, there were a total of four confirmed ACP detections, three were in rural residential areas of Lindsay. There was commercial citrus within the 800 meters of these finds, and all growers have treated their properties. There was one additional commercial citrus detection in Porterville; all commercial citrus within the 800 meters were treated. In November, there was a total of three different detections, one was in the same Lindsay area. Again, everything was treated. There were two residential finds in Porterville with no commercial citrus nearby, and one find in the city of Tulare, and there was no commercial citrus near that. In December, there was one find at a juice plant in Tipton with no commercial citrus nearby.

Teri Blaser- Northern Tulare County GL reported a find in the city of Visalia; there was no commercial citrus nearby. The find was one adult on a trap at the end of September, which led to several live fines being confirmed in early October.

Judy Zaninovich- Kern County GL first reported on the glassy-winged sharpshooter program. She noted that the program funding has remained the same for area-wide treatments for many years; however, costs have increased significantly for both materials and application costs. As a result, the program has had to focus on the priorities, one being citrus near grapes. The reason is that glassy-winged sharpshooters can transmit Pierce's disease from grapes to citrus. She also noted that there has been an increase in sharpshooters in the north end of Tulare County, and have had to focus more funds in that area. Another issue is that there has been a large increase in organic citrus throughout the county and organic materials. Regarding ACP, she reported there have been finds East and South of Bakersfield. In spite of the fact that this year's numbers are the third highest since 2012, they are taking every find seriously. She will continue to encourage growers to stay engaged and continue to work together to keep the ACP populations as low as possible.

CDFA Updates

Jennifer Willems, CDFA gave a quick update on the non-messy traps that are being trialed by CDFA. She explained that the non-messy traps will give CDFA one additional week to be able to obtain viable samples. The trials are currently being done in Kern and Ventura counties, with the trial to end around March 2023.

CCM Updates

None

Canine Detection Service

Lisa Finke, K-9 Detection reported that her Fresno based team surveyed 22,000 trees and her canines alerted on 95 trees. She also has one dog team that has continued to monitor residential trees in Tulare County near the packing house that had previous finds.

Departmental Operations

Field Activities: October and November 2022

Program Director Dr. Hajeri reported that 422 traps were deployed, and 807 vials were inspected in the lab and approximately 8,400 trees were inspected. He explained that the 3D cylindrical traps have caught many bugs but have not caught ACP yet. He explained that it may be more beneficial to use the flat sticky traps rather than the 3D cylindrical traps for a regular screening survey. There is a scheduled TAC meeting and he plans to ask the TAC committee for feedback on which traps should be used.

Laboratory Activities: October and November 2022

Program Director Dr. Hajeri reported he is working with Doug Hill, an engineer from San Bernardino. Mr. Hill is working to develop bulk sample testing. Meaning rather than testing one sample which is 16 to 20 leaves as a sample, he is attempting to test 40-50 leaves as one sample. This new technology would allow more ground coverage and allow more tree samples to be tested at one time.

Administrative Activities

Update from CPDPC Special Meeting (December 1)

The meeting's goal, according to Dr. Hajeri, was to review the recommendations of the Science Advisory Panel and determine whether the recommendations are feasible and who will be responsible for that element. Data integration between all parties involved, trapping, and working harmoniously with CDFA are some aspects that may directly impact the Agency. There will be additional meetings in the next few months to continue this conversation.

Performance to Budget and Carryforward Report

Administrative Manager Neunzig reviewed the report included in the board packet. She explained that this new report will be used from now on and it will help track how much carryforward money the Agency has from year to year.

Income and Expenses: October and November, 2022

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

Review and Ratify Warrant List – October and November, 2022 *

It was moved by Commissioner Corkins, seconded by Commissioner McKinney, to ratify the warrant lists for October and November, 2022. The motion carried on a roll call vote, each Commissioner present voting AYE.

Capital Expenditures: *

None

Announcements

Program Director Dr. Hajeri asked the Commissioners to keep an eye out for an email from Claudia Vazquez. She will be scheduling the meeting between CDFA and the pest control districts.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Fisher adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

John Fisher, Chairman

Mia Neunzig, Recording Secretary/Admin.
Manager