

California Department of Food & Agriculture

Minutes

of the Joint Meeting / Conference Call
of the Pierce's Disease/Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board
and Pierce's Disease Advisory Task Force
Held on Monday, April 25, 2011
CDFA Auditorium at 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Dennis Atkinson, Pete Downs*, Ben Drake, Drew Johnson*, Brad Lange, Jim Ledbetter, Steve McIntyre, Dana Merrill*, Al Rossini*, Steve Schafer*, Herb Schmidt

Members Absent: Kevin Andrew, Greg Coleman, David House, Marilyn Wolf

PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Members Present: Kassim Al-Khatib, Jim Cranney, Nat DiBuduo*, Ben Drake, Scott Hudson, Nancy Irelan, Drew Johnson*, Corky Roche, John Snyder*, Judy Stewart-Leslie, Beth Stone-Smith, David Whitmer

Members Absent: Kevin Andrew, David House, Richard Mounts

OTHER ATTENDEES

Cecilia Chi-Ham, Tom Esser, Mike Falasco, Ken Freeze, Craig Hanes, Sue Ichiho, Paul Kronenberg, Eric Lauritzen, Robert Leavitt, Janet LeMasters, Greg Morris, Matt Myers, Ted Rieger, Karen Ross, Mark Szczerba, Roger Spencer, Jay Van Rein, Sean Veling, Doug West, Bob Wynn, Dorthea Zadig

*Denotes attendance via conference call

CALL TO ORDER

PD/GWSS Board Chairperson Dennis Atkinson called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Bob Wynn conducted the roll call for the PD/GWSS Board (Board) and the PD Advisory Task Force (Task Force). A quorum was present for both the Board and the Task Force. Bob then asked for introductions of other attendees and guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Dennis Atkinson asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 24, 2011.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2011.

AREA-WIDE PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

Beth Stone-Smith reported on recent trapping and treatment activities in the area-wide programs in Fresno, Kern, Riverside, and Tulare counties.

PDCP STAFF REPORTS

Nursery: Greg Morris provided an update on the Nursery Regulatory Program and the Approved Treatment Program. He reported that from January through March of this year there were 10,302 nursery shipments, with only two rejections. In the Approved Treatment Program (ATP), there were 1,907 shipments consisting of 733,007 plants with no rejections. Two more nurseries, both in Ventura County, are expected to join the ATP soon. That will bring the total number of participating nurseries to nine.

Rapid Response: Craig Hanes provided an update on GWSS rapid response activities. In San Luis Obispo County, a total of 75 properties have been treated and 20 more are scheduled for treatment. In Madera County, two suspect GWSS were trapped. If they are confirmed by the lab to be GWSS, the county will survey the area and set out more traps.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO C.G. SECTION 11126

N/A

RECONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

N/A

OTHER ITEMS

N/A

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Dennis Atkinson at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on Monday, May 9, 2011 by

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