

**California Department of Food & Agriculture**  
**Minutes**  
of the Conference Call Meeting  
of the Pierce's Disease/Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board  
Held on Friday, July 15, 2011  
2014 Capitol Avenue, Suite 203, Sacramento, CA

**PD/GWSS BOARD**

Members Present: Kevin Andrew\*, Greg Coleman\*, Pete Downs\*, Ben Drake\*, David House\*, Drew Johnson\*, Jim Ledbetter\*, Steve McIntyre\*, Dana Merrill\*, Al Rossini\*, Steve Schafer\*, Herb Schmidt\*, Marilyn Wolf\*

Members Absent: Dennis Atkinson

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

John Aguirre\*, Ruben Arroyo\*, Jim Cranney\*, Gary Caseri\*, Mike Chino\*, Warren Diaz\*, Tom Esser, Kris Eutevier\*, Mike Falasco, Ken Freeze\*, Henry Gonzales\*, Vince Guise\*, Craig Hanes, Lisa Herbert\*, Scott Hudson\*, Josh Huntsinger\*, Sue Ichiho, Richard Iizuka\*, Nancy Irelan\*, Marilyn Kinoshita\*, Paul Kronenberg, Janet LeMasters, David Morgan\*, Greg Morris\*, Mary Lou Nicoletti, Kevin O'Day\*, Stacie Oswald, Robert Roma\*, Secretary Karen Ross\*, Roger Spencer, Judy Stewart-Leslie\*, Beth Stone-Smith\*, Guy Tingos\*, Sean Veling, Maya Walker, Ed Williams\*, Heidi Wong\*, and Bob Wynn

Other attendees included representatives from the USDA, the Grape and Tree Fruit League, and the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Kern, Lake, Los Angeles, Placer, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tulare, and Ventura.

\*Denotes attendance via conference call  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting PD/GWSS Board Chairperson Steve McIntyre called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Bob Wynn conducted the roll call for the PD/GWSS Board (Board). A quorum was present for the Board. The attendees made self-introductions; there were numerous call-in attendees.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Acting PD/GWSS Board Chairperson Steve McIntyre welcomed all attendees to the meeting. CDFA Secretary Karen Ross then provided an update on the state budget situation, especially the General Fund (GF) cuts affecting CDFA programs.

**REVIEW OF PDCP FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Sue Ichiho gave the financial report for the PDCP for fiscal year (FY) 2010-11 and FY 2011-12. She said that, unlike prior years, the PDCP will not be receiving any financial support from the state general fund for FY 2011-12. This is a loss of about \$4.2 million. This year the PDCP is anticipating about \$15.1 million in revenues and expenditures of about \$17.8 million. Consequently, program costs must be reduced and/or new revenue sources found.

Bob Wynn and Roger Spencer further discussed the Program's financial situation and opportunities for reductions and revenues. This included using winegrape assessment funds and

a portion of the Program's reserve funds to replace some of the reduced program funding. They discussed the handouts that were provided for the meeting, including the Program's organizational chart, position descriptions, and suggested program reductions.

**FRESNO COUNTY EGVM OUTREACH COORDINATOR**

Roger Spencer reported that Fresno County had withdrawn its request to the Board to fund an outreach coordinator for European grapevine moth (EGVM) activities. Instead, the Table Grape Commission and the Raisin Board will fund the outreach position. Since EGVM populations are significantly reduced this year compared to last year, they did not anticipate as much outreach work for the coming fiscal year.

**PD/GWSS BOARD BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12**

Sue Ichiho first reviewed the Board's budget for FY 2010-11. She then presented the template and draft for this fiscal year's budget. During discussion the Board decided to allocate \$500,000 to New Projects, \$1.2 million to County Programs and PDCP Operations, \$150,000 in agricultural supplies, and \$150,000 for an anticipated contract continuation with PIPRA.

After the budgetary discussion, the PD/GWSS Board took the following action:

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to recommend to the Secretary to approve the Board budget at \$3,852,507 for FY 2011-12.

**Details of Board Vote**

Motion: Jim Ledbetter                      Second: Ben Drake  
In Favor: Coleman, Downs, Drake, House, Johnson, Ledbetter, McIntyre, Merrill, Rossini, Schafer, Schmidt, Wolf  
Against: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Andrew, Atkinson

After the vote, an Executive Committee was formed to maintain communication between the PDCP and the Board on fiscal matters. Pete Downs, Ben Drake, and Al Rossini were appointed to the committee.

The Board suggested that a statement be prepared to assist representatives with informing industry and stakeholders regarding the current fiscal situation and decisions. Ken Freeze from Brown-Miller said he would develop that.

**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 Acting Chairperson Steve McIntyre at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on July 22, 2011 by

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