

California Department of Food & Agriculture

Minutes

of the Conference Call
of the Pierce's Disease/Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board
Held on Wednesday, July 28, 2010
Pierce's Disease Control Program, California Department of Food & Agriculture
2014 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Greg Coleman, Pete Downs, David House, Andrew Johnson, Bradford Lange, Jim Ledbetter, Steve McIntyre, Dana Merrill, Steve Schafer, Herb Schmidt, and Marilyn Wolf

Members Absent: Kevin Andrew, Dennis Atkinson, Ben Drake, and Al Rossini

OTHER ATTENDEES

Robert Dolezal, Tom Esser, Mike Falasco, Ken Freeze, Nancy Irelan, Janet LeMasters, Ted Rieger, Roger Spencer, Beth Stone-Smith, and Bob Wynn

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Bob Wynn conducted the roll call for the PD/GWSS Board (Board) conference call. A quorum was present for the Board. Bob introduced other guests and attendees at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Bob Wynn stated that the recommendations from the June 29 Board meeting were approved by Secretary Kawamura on July 7. He then reported that PD/GWSS Board member Ben Drake of Temecula had been appointed to the State Board of Food and Agriculture by the Governor and was sworn in at today's State Board meeting by Secretary Kawamura.

RESEARCH FIELD TRIAL PROPOSAL

Steve McIntyre, Chair of the Research Screening Committee, reported on the out-of-cycle field trial research proposal recently submitted by Dr. Abhaya Dandekar. He said that after reviewing the proposal, it was decided to not recommend it for funding by the Board.

FUNDING FOR EUROPEAN GRAPEVINE MOTH (EGVM)

Roger Spencer discussed funding of outreach coordinators in counties infested with EGVM. He said of the seven counties currently infested (Fresno, Lake, Mendocino, Merced, Napa, Solano, and Sonoma), Sonoma has the greatest need for help with outreach. It was suggested

that Roger obtain proposals from interested counties outlining their specific needs for an outreach coordinator. These can then be presented to the Board at a later meeting.

OTHER ITEMS

Roger provided an update on the revisions being made to the Checklist for Designating a Pest or Disease of Winegrapes. He said the ad hoc committee has met twice and is suggesting that the Checklist be split into two parts. Part I would cover the findings that are required by law; Part II would cover additional information that would help further determine how serious of a threat the pest or disease under consideration is to winegrapes. It was decided to hold another meeting of the ad hoc committee and continue the revision effort.

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted on Thursday, July 29, 2010.

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