

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.

OTHER PEST AND DISEASE DESIGNATION PROCESS SUBCOMMITTEE

Roger Spencer reviewed the flowchart and checklist adopted at the last meeting. Questions were asked about how long it would take to complete the process, and providing explanations when a suggested pest or disease is not designated.

OTHER DESIGNATED PESTS / EUROPEAN GRAPEVINE MOTH

Roger Spencer discussed outreach and research efforts being conducted on European grapevine moth (EGVM). He reported that a flyer on EGVM had been prepared, and gave updates on county contracts for EGVM outreach coordinators and the EGVM research being conducted by Dr. Monica Cooper.

PIPRA UPDATE

Dr. Cecelia Chi-Ham, Director of Science and Technology at PIPRA (Public Intellectual Property Resource for Agriculture), provided an update on the field trials being conducted with plant material exhibiting Pierce’s disease resistance in earlier studies. She reviewed the timelines for planting and inoculation, the plans for evaluating resistance, and operation strategies. She also introduced the newest member of the PIPRA team, Dr. Mark Szczerba.

RESEARCH FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

Steve McIntyre, Chair of the Research Screening Committee, presented the Committee’s research funding recommendation. He reported that a total of 26 proposals were submitted, and of those, eight proposals totaling \$1,136,187 were recommended for funding.

- It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously by the Board to recommend funding the eight research projects recommended by the Committee for \$1,136,187 spread over three years.

Details of Board Vote

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

Steve next reported that four other proposals were recommended for consideration and discussion by the Board. After discussing these four, it was recommended to partially fund one of them, a proposal submitted by Dr. Andrew Walker to continue breeding efforts for PD-resistant table and raisin grapes. The amount of funding recommended was \$41,320 spread over two years.

- It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously by the Board to recommend funding the proposal by Dr. Walker for \$41,320 spread over two years.

Details of Board Vote

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

During the discussions, it was mentioned that the UC Pierce’s Disease Research Grants Program did not receive any funding this year and may be closed down. This will affect the Board’s

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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