

**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, June 22, 2009  
CDFA Auditorium, Sacramento, CA

**PD/GWSS BOARD**

Members Present: Kevin Andrew\*, Dennis Atkinson\*, 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: Brad Lange

**PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

Members Present: Kevin Andrew\*, George Bruening\*, Nat DiBuduo\*, Ben Drake\*, David House\*, Scott Hudson, Nancy Irelan\*, Drew Johnson\*, Joe MacIrvine\*, Richard Mounts, Steve Nation\*, Corky Roche\*, Judy Stewart-Leslie\*, Beth Stone-Smith\*

Members Absent: Ted Batkin, Larry Bezark, John Snyder, Robert Wample, Craig Weaver, David Whitmer, David Wineman

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

Robert Doelzal, Tom Esser, Mike Falasco, Ken Freeze, Craig Hanes, Sue Ichiho, Camron King\*, Paul Kronenberg, Eric Lauritzen\*, Janet LeMasters, Mike Miller, Greg Morris, Stacie Oswald, Tasha Rassuli, Ted Rieger, Karen Ross\*, Roger Spencer, Sean Veling, Doug West, Bob Wynn

\*Denotes attendance via conference call

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**CALL TO ORDER**

PD/GWSS Board Chairperson Al Rossini and PD Advisory Task Force Chairperson Kevin Andrew called the meeting to order at 10:05 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Chairpersons Al Rossini and Kevin Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairpersons Al Rossini and Kevin Andrew asked the Board and Task Force members to review the minutes from the meeting held on April 23, 2009.

- It was moved, seconded, and passed by the Board and Task Force to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2009 meeting.

Details of Board Vote

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

Details of Task Force Vote

Motion: Ben Drake Second: Corky Roche  
In Favor: Andrew, Bruening, DiBuduo, Drake, House, Hudson, Irelan, Johnson, MacIrvine, Mounts, Roche, Stewart-Leslie, Stone-Smith  
Against: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Batkin, Bezark, Nation, Snyder, Wample, Weaver, Whitman, Wineman

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board and Task Force was set for Thursday, October 29, 2009 in Sacramento, and will begin at 10:00 am.

**BOARD & ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP**

Bob Wynn welcomed David House as the newest member of the Board. Bob reported that Task Force member Robert Wample will be retiring at the end of the summer.

**FISCAL UPDATE & BOARD BUDGET FOR FY 2009-10**

Bob Wynn began the discussion by reporting on the state’s budget crisis and its effects and impacts on the Department and the PDCP. He then briefly reviewed the fiscal handouts provided to members in their packets.

Beth Stone-Smith gave an update on the Federal GWSS/PD appropriations funding. They were requesting for FY 2009 \$20,234,324 for contracts (cooperative agreements) and that \$19,666,635 is the actual net to the program for the federal FY 2009, which means we have to use some carryover money from previous years in order to fill the \$20 million request need.

Sue Ichiho reported on the PDCP’s Revenues & Expenditures. She said that the projected amounts for PDCP in FY 2009-10 total \$18,566,197. Sue noted that the budget figures for the Board had not changed since the meeting in April. The Board’s Revenue and Expenditure Summary totaled \$6,667,378 and Budget detail totaled \$4,176,551.

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

- It was moved, seconded, and passed by the Board to recommend to the Secretary to approve the Board budget at \$4,176.551 for FY 2009-10.

Details of PD/GWSS Board Vote

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

## **ASSESSMENT RATE FOR 2009 HARVEST**

Board Treasurer Dennis Atkinson reported on the projected size and value of the 2009 winegrape crop. The Board then discussed the winegrape assessment rate and decided to keep the assessment rate at \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of value. This was the same rate as last year.

- It was moved, seconded, and passed by the Board to recommend to the Secretary that the assessment rate for the 2009 harvest be \$1.00 per \$1,000 of value for winegrapes harvested and crushed in 2009.

### **Details of PD/GWSS Board Vote**

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

## **FUND NURSERY TREATMENTS FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNTIES**

Greg Morris discussed the nursery treatment program and said the program would use the funding approved earlier in the meeting for treatments in southern California nurseries. The breakdown was \$250,000 for nurseries in Ventura County, and \$50,000 for nurseries in Riverside and San Diego counties. There would be two treatments each, one in the spring and one in the fall.

## **RESEARCH DIRECTOR REPORT**

Research Director Nancy Ireland said she had been involved with the PD “Decade of Progress” outreach presentations. It was noted that there has been a lot of positive feedback from the industry at these meetings. She had been working with Research Science Advisory Panel members in identifying replacements for Drs. Roger Innes and Greg Loeb. Information on replacement candidates would be provided soon.

## **OUTREACH AND EDUCATION UPDATE**

Craig Hanes stated that the PD “Decade of Progress” brochure and cover letter would be mailed out soon to vintners, grape growers, and stakeholders. Ken Freeze showed a table-top display associated with the “Decade of Progress” brochure. He said they had held outreach meetings recently and were working on future meeting dates and sites for fall and winter trade shows. Ken said they would continue with monthly Eblasts and newsletters going out to over 1,000 individuals and groups. Ken noted that they could also monitor the response to Eblasts to see who and how many hits are received.

## **AREAWIDE PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE**

Beth Stone-Smith gave an update on the areawide programs in Tulare, Kern, and Riverside counties. She reported that in Tulare County they had 4,000 acres authorized for treatment. For Kern County, there were 2,000 insects trapped.

## **NURSERY STOCK APPROVED TREATMENT PROGRAM UPDATE**

David House, Chair of the Nursery Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, thanked the Board and CDFA for all their assistance in implementing the Approved Treatment Program (ATP). He said their next Ad Hoc Committee meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2009 in Irvine. They will review the 12-month report of the ATP at the August meeting.

Greg Morris reported that one nursery was put on suspension in April 2009 due to the shipment of a viable egg mass from which live nymphs emerged. The incident was investigated and, after

corrective actions were taken, the nursery was reinstated. This incident will be discussed at the August meeting.

**PDCP STAFF REPORTS**

Craig Hanes reported on current rapid response programs. He said that treatments began in Santa Clara County in February 2009 and were completed in May. In Sacramento County, the GWSS infestation in Rancho Cordova was declared eradicated on April 9, 2009. The one in Foothill Farms will be eligible for eradication declaration by the end of the year if there are no new finds. Stacie Oswald reported on the nursery regulatory program. She said the number of shipments through May 2009 was 27,947, down from 34,474 for the same period last year. There have been 15 rejections so far, yielding a success rate of 99.95%. Tom Esser reported that, due to budgetary and travel restrictions, this year's PD Research Symposium would be held in Sacramento rather than San Diego. It will be held on December 9-11, 2009.

Following the reports, it was requested that short summaries be provided to Board and Task Force members before meetings so they can become familiar with what staff will be reporting on.

**ADJOURNMENT OF PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEETING**

N/A

**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 at 12:20 pm.