



COAST



Alameda – Contra Costa
San Benito – San Francisco – Sonoma

Marin - Monterey - Napa
San Mateo – Santa Clara – Santa Cruz

MINUTES

Thursday, December 11, 2014

Point Pinos, Monterey County

Members Present

Eric Lauritzen, Monterey
Greg Clark, Napa
Scott Paulsen, Alameda
Tony Linegar, Sonoma
Miguel Monroy, San Francisco

Ron Ross, San Benito
Chad Godoy, Contra Costa
Marylou Nicoletti, Santa Cruz
Joe Deviney, Santa Clara

Guests Present

Joey Marade, CDPR
Gary Leslie, CDFA
Humberto Izquierdo, Napa

Teo Gonzalez, Monterey
Richard Ordonez, Monterey

- I. The meeting was called to order by Marylou Nicoletti, followed by introductions.
- II. The November meeting minutes were approved by MSP.
- III. Correspondence – None received
- IV. Reports
 - A. Chair Report – Nicoletti – Marylou informed the group of the upcoming CASAP conference to be held in Santa Cruz. It was mentioned that Chad Godoy would be giving a presentation to CASAP on the topic of “Big Picture & Career Path”. This lead the group to discuss the recent deputy survey and what it revealed. See attached results and summary from Josh Huntsinger. An additional discussion item in Marylou’s report was on the need to participate and contribute in the CDFA review of the LBAM protocol specifics regarding larvae finds at coolers.
 - B. Treasurer Report –Ron presented a financial report document to the group that displayed the recent activity for November: a sympathy card was purchased for the family of Ron Oshima and flowers and a sympathy card were purchased for the family of Ed Romano. The required language needed by the Union Bank for Joe Deviney to be the signatory for the group was signed by all of the current officers.
 - C. CDPR Update - Joey Marade (see attachment for details).
In addition to topics covered in the printed report, the following items were discussed:
 1. The Healthy Schools Act was discussed. There is evidence that many school boards and personnel do not know about the HAS and all of its amendments. Will see more outreach and education in the future.
 2. Continuing from the Winter Conference DPR draft *Pesticides on Marijuana* whitepaper, issuing OPID for Medical Marijuana grow sites was discussed. Joey

will check with George Farnsworth to determine it is actually OK to proceed in doing so and what commodity code to use.

3. From the IMC winter minutes, Joe brought up if DPR could incorporate a school layer to counties CalAgpermits systems. Joey reported in the affirmative and to go through John Gless if you would like to get this done.

D. CDFA Report - Gary Leslie- (see attachment for details).

In addition to the topics covered in the printed report, the following items were discussed:

1. San Francisco and Los Angeles counties jointly filed a lawsuit against Uber who failed to come into compliance and have their devices type approved.
2. A single ACP has been detected in Madera County.
3. The High Risk Working Group, HRWG, met again. It is being proposed that if a county does not have any significant finds in three years then they will be dropped from receiving funding. Another point mentioned is that there are flaws in the data gathering that need to be addressed before making any critical decisions. Additionally, CDFA is partnering with UC to perform a pathway analysis to bring the program into the 21 century.
4. The Secretary will be coming out with enforcement guidelines on how to interpret the new seed law (AB2470) language that discusses the crafting of local ordinances against the growing of GMO crops.

V. Old Business

- A. EGVM Update – Greg Clark – No new finds to report.
- B. PDCP/GWSS – Greg Clark – The current GWSS protocols that requires at least 5 life stages found in 5 days to declare an infestation were discussed in regards to the recent GWSS finds in Fremont of Alameda County. Although the finds do not meet the infestation triggers it was discussed and suggested to proceed cautiously and aggressively and to possibly even follow through with a treatment when the weather is better even if unfunded by the project. Alameda has prepared a contract with a PCO to treat if needed. Napa aided in the visual survey and no additional GWSS were found. CDFA does continue to fund the trapping component of 60 traps per square mile connected with the delimitation efforts.
- C. Legislative report – It was mentioned that 2 Marijuana bills had been introduced. It was also mentioned that Jim Allen was working on updating our CACASA legislative platform.
- D. Cal PEATS-Eric Lauritzen – The contract between CACASA and DPR is finalized and has been signed. Calico was selected as our vendor and the signing of that agreement is next.
- E. Wildlife Services (WS) - Scott Paulsen and Eric Lauritzen – Mendocino County has been served with a lawsuit regarding their entering into the standard USDA agreement to perform wildlife control on the grounds that trophic cascading of populations result from this program and that it is in violation of CEQA. USDA cannot get involved with this as they are not listed on the lawsuit. There are 34 counties that have WS contracts that are very popular with constituents. The end result of this legal activity in Mendocino will possibly be an indicator of what to expect with this program in other counties and in the

state. Discussions if USDA will possibly fund the CEQA analysis are being pursued. USDA Biologist experts would be best to properly respond to plaintiffs' claims.

- F. Pesticides and Schools – group – A general discussion took place regarding the development of a pesticide program that will contain a regulatory package to potentially establish a statewide uniform approach to applications to fields near schools. A committee has been formed and Eric will update the group as things get more formalized. Many topics will potentially be incorporated such as timing of applications, materials, and methods as well as how best to frame the regulatory package.

VI. New Business

- A. Executive Director Position – Eric gave a brief report of the subcommittee's efforts in creating this potential new position.
- B. Affordable Care Act – Greg Clark – Counties with Extra Help type seasonal workers may have to pay 25% more to cover the costs associated with ACA benefits. Per labor code, CDFA is not responsible for these costs. If counties cannot fund these new benefits, some may need to surrender their programs to CDFA. Greg will discuss possible scenarios with CDFA and report back to the group. This item will added to "old business" in future agendas.

VII. Additional Agenda Items

- A. Board of Directors Coast Representative – It was decided that Scott Paulsen will take Ron Ross's assignment and sit on the BOD.
- B. LBAM Wine Grape Exemption - Greg Clark is working on a letter on this topic. When complete he will share it for edits and suggestions. More to come on this at next meeting.
- C. LBAM contracts – Tony Linegar – Tony mentioned a huge explosion of LBAM in Sonoma that has resulted in over expending his contract. He is negotiating with CDFA to take over the infested nursery regulatory component of the work plan and for Sonoma to continue to take the normal inspections.
- D. LBAM - It was decided to have LBAM as a standing agenda item in the future to allow for discussions on upcoming meetings and new protocols.

The next meeting will be on January 8th in Marin County.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Deviney,

Secretary, Joe Deviney
