



Alameda – Contra Costa  
 San Benito – San Francisco – Sonoma

# COAST



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

## MINUTES

Thursday, January 8, 2015

Bay Model, Marin County

### Members Present

Stacy Carlsen, Marin

Eric Lauritzen, Monterey

Fred Crowder, San Mateo

Scott Paulsen, Alameda

Tony Linegar, Sonoma

Joe Deviney, Santa Clara

Ron Ross, San Benito

Chad Godoy, Contra Costa

Marylou Nicoletti, Santa Cruz

### Guests Present

Joey Marade, CDPR

Gary Leslie, CDFA

Michelle Thom, Santa Clara

Matt Slattengren, Contra Costa

- I. The meeting was called to order by Marylou Nicoletti, followed by introductions.
- II. The December meeting minutes were approved by MSP.
- III. Correspondence – None received
- IV. Reports
  - A. Chair Report – Nicoletti – Marylou informed the group that an increased number of LBAM finds at packing houses has caused a revisiting of the protocols. CDFA is currently working with Commissioners and industry to create changes in the protocol. A draft document is currently in the works. Marylou also reported that she and Chad were to speak at the upcoming CASAP conference in Santa Cruz.
  - B. Treasurer Report – Joe reported that the Union Bank branch that he was working with exposed several account issues that needed to be resolved before he could become the treasurer and signatory. Joe and Ron are planning to visit the San Benito branch where Ron has successfully been operating and will work together to correct any problems with the account.
  - 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. The new updated Act went into place at the beginning of January. There is evidence that many schools will need more outreach and education in the future and DPR is available to provide this.
    2. The DPR draft *Pesticides on Marijuana* use is still being discussed but still stands as a draft.
    3. The results from the Maintenance Gardener Survey are being compiled and will be coming out soon.

4. Ozone - Tony Linegar shared with the group that Ozone is being used in vineyards. This is supercharged oxygen. A periodical reported that this material was an exempt material but he confirmed that the material had a 'Danger' label and was a pesticide with an EPA number.
- 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. Avian Influenza has been detected in Butte County.
- V. Old Business (note: some items were discussed out of order with agenda)
- A. EGVM Update – Tony Linegar – It was discussed by the group how critical performing the “second look” is when inspecting trap sticky boards. Sonoma’s find last year was due to a “second look”. He also mentioned the need for local CAC’s to place discretionary traps where they feel is needed and for CDFA to allow these traps to be placed and if possible to also be included in the work plan.
  - B. GRAP (Grazing Regulatory Action Plan) - Tony Linegar – It was discussed that since we have a direct connection to the Ag industry we should continue to attend these meetings and offer input as they attempt to create a tiered structure. Horse operations are definitely in a different category as they are more like a feed lot than open grazing. There is discussion by the water board to possibly treat horse operation differently.
  - C. LBAM – Tony Linegar – Tony reported that LBAM populations have really peaked this year. He is working to put on a workshop that will cover how to control LBAM in nurseries and the new regulatory protocols. They hope to accommodate 60 persons. A discussion unfolded about maintaining a zero tolerance not being feasible and the program not being sustainable with current funds. It was also brought up to discuss increasing funds while in DC.
  - D. PDCP/GWSS – Group – Issues remain and are to be discussed at the subcommittee meeting coming up. It was recommended for anyone to attend whether or not on the subcommittee.
  - E. Legislative report – Members of the legislative committee were presently looking for a legislator to sponsor our device registration sunset bill.
  - F. Cal PEATS-Eric Lauritzen –Calico was selected as our vendor and will be able to write the program in one language and still have a choice of different operating systems. A timetable and template design has been presented. Best way to for area groups to relay information to Calico is being discussed. The State is diverse with its Ag and tech abilities. Calico is determined to make sure that all voices are heard and all needs are addressed.
  - G. Wildlife Services- Group – A conference call took place on December 22, 2014 and a small working group developed out of it. Some believe that a categorical exemption is still in effect for those counties operating since the 1970’s. A discussion on different county programs and different control methods ensued.
  - H. Pesticides and Schools – Lauritzen – Fundamental regulations are being discussed to fill the regulatory package. DPR is extremely receptive to this effort. Hope to develop a more skeletal package at first and the meet with the stakeholders. “Buffer” is being

called a school protection zone. All language is still in the proposal stage. There is currently a focus on how notification should be handled. An additional topic being discussed involves how specific materials that are not particularly toxic but are prone to drift should be addressed.

- I. "Square" Point of Sale system update -Miguel– postponed

## VI. New Business

- A. Nominations – The Coast Group nominated Jim Allen for President, Cathy Fisher as Vice President AG, and Josh Huntsinger for Vice President W&M.
- B. Executive Director Position – Eric gave a brief report of the subcommittee's efforts in creating this potential new position. Louie Mendoza is leading this subcommittee and funding is still not ironed out. There is a commitment of interest from CDFA and DPR. Please think of potential candidates who you feel would make a great ED for CACASA as we may start recruitment process with direct letters to individuals. Many identified functions of this position will involve being in Sacramento. Any brick and mortar office will likely be in Sacramento.
- C. CDFA Laboratory procedures Discussion – Group – The concern for accurate identification relating to recent EGVM quarantine expansion in Sonoma County and past misidentification of GWSS in Santa Clara County was discussed. Evidence of misidentification in other counties was also mentioned. Several ideas of possible causes were discussed including errors in lab sample preparation, trap identification, sample submission, lab handling, identifier error, identifiers being focused on other research and PDR errors. Acknowledging that there will always be human error, it was proposed by the group to possibly create a working group and develop a plan to build confidence within the system and assurance that the identifications are accurate. Suggestions of having some sort of laboratory audit and adding entry boxes to PDRs that could flag specimen as "critical" were discussed. Gary agreed to present this information to proper CDFA personnel and to report back to group in upcoming months.
- D. AB1871 – Crowder – Fred informed the group that the SoCal deputy group is conducting conference calls to implement new CFM regulations. Fred will send out information for the next conference call. Some points discussed on the calls are "how are we to enforce 'we grow what we sell'" and how are counties approaching the fee increase. Joe stated that Santa Clara was currently working through the fee increase with his board and that he would share his documents with the group. Fred reported that the conference calls were productive.
- E. LBAM nursery stock regulations- Crowder – The group discussed the latest protocols. Some proposed changes did address issues that we have been experiencing in the field. One serious point mentioned was the need for CDFA to engage our regional groups prior to sending out information on this subject to the industry. Mexico was also mentioned as not budging on their current export requirements although there was some movement on specific host material.

- F. CDFA PEIR – Crowder – Fred reported that CDFA was very responsive to our long list of comments. The weed pest issue was not fully addressed however and some counties with ongoing weed pest issues have concerns. Fred also reported that some of our language regarding organic materials and bio-control methods were being included into the document.
- G. Quarantine Manual Updates – Deviney – Joe brought concerns from the coast deputy group that some quarantines were being updated on-line in a way that was not workable with hard copy manuals in the field. Gary suggested that anyone who finds a specific problem should relay that information to Amber Morris for handling.

VII. Additional Agenda Items

- A. ACP in Santa Clara – Deviney – Joe informed that group that an additional infestation of ACP was detected approximately 5 miles to the north of the current infestation and will expand the quarantine in Santa Clara all the way to the Alameda border.
- B. Deputy Survey – Paulsen – Scott brought this item forward and reminded the group that Josh Huntsinger wanted any feedback regarding the survey as soon as possible. A very innovative discussion ensued with many interpretations of the data obtained. Several suggestions were offered to Scott to be forwarded to Josh.
- C. Joint Meeting with the Sac Valley Group – Gary and Joey – Gary shared that the Sac Valley group wanted to have a joint meeting in 2015. It was agreed that this was a good item to pursue. Initial thoughts were to have the joint meeting in Monterey in November. Details of the meeting are to be worked out.
- D. BLM enhanced well health – Fred shared with the group a letter he had received on this subject.
- E. Posting Coast Group minutes on CACASA website – it was determined that this was a good idea as long as long as our minutes were stored in a secure area of the website that only members could access. Fred has done some preliminary work here and will continue.

The next meeting will be on March 12<sup>th</sup> in Alameda County.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Deviney,

Secretary, Joe Deviney

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