

CALIFORNIA CITRUS NURSERY BOARD

Registration and Certification Protocol Committee

December 16, 2009

A Conference Call meeting of the California Citrus Nursery Board's Registration and Certification Protocol Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Bob Zuckerman at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Roll was taken showing a quorum was present with the following in attendance:

Committee Members		Staff
Larry Rose	Mike Colvin, CDFa	JD Allen, Asst. Manager
Tia Russell	Ray Yokomi, USDA	Jim Melban, Manager
Bob Zuckerman	Richard Lee, USDA	Glenn Yost, CDFa
Don Dillon	Georgios Vidalakis, UCR-CCPP	

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of December 3, 2009 were reviewed and amended, as attached, and were then approved on a motion by Rose with a second by Russell

SB140

There was considerable discussion about the implementation of SB140 and how it would affect the industry. The Chair had asked the staff to survey several nurseries to determine how many new trees would have to be tested under the new regulation. Melban said that he had heard from 8 nurseries who had indicated new Scion trees in the program would be 1,810 in 2010, 1,420 in 2011, 1,470 in 2012 and 1,445 in 2014. The report also showed New Seed Trees would be 654 in 2010, 504 in 2011, 480 in 2012 and 455 in 2013. At first these numbers seemed overwhelming to the Committee, however Vidalakas did some research during the meeting and determined that he would have the ability to test over 6,000 new trees for psorosis per year which made the future testing workable.

Regulations for SB140

Since Mike Colvin of CDFa would be responsible for writing the regulations for the bill, Chairman Zuckerman asked him what information he would need from the Committee. Colvin suggested three possible scenarios that would need to be addressed. After the meeting Melban contacted Colvin and asked that he summarize the results of the meeting from his perspective. His comments are listed below.

1. What would be the testing requirements for new source trees that originate from CCPP?
 - a. They would need to be tested annually for CTV.
 - b. They would not need to be tested for psorosis for the first 5 years.
 - c. They would not need to be tested for viroids for the first 5 years.

2. What would be the testing requirements for new source trees that originate from currently registered source trees?
 - a. They would need to be tested annually for CTV.
 - b. The new source tree would need to be tested for psorosis within 5 years from the time the registered source tree was last tested.
 - c. They would need to be tested for viroids before any budwood was taken from them.
3. What would be the testing/entrance requirements for new source trees that did not originate from CCPP or a registered source tree and should new trees like this be allowed into the new program?
 - a. The group expressed that this type of tree should not be allowed into the new program unless it goes through testing/cleaning at CCPP. I expressed that I would like to know if some trees might need to be allowed to be registered under the old rules before the new rules take effect.

Next Meeting Date

With the need for haste on the matter of new regulations, Zuckerman suggested the next meeting of the Committee be held around the time of the Continuation hearing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



I, Jim Melban, Manager of the California Citrus Nursery Board, do hereby certify, that to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Conference Call meeting of the Citrus Nursery Board's Registration and Certification Protocol Committee held on December 16, 2009.

Jim Melban, Manager