

CALIFORNIA CITRUS NURSERY BOARD

Industry Committee
Minutes of Meeting
May 1, 2007
Dinuba, California

A meeting of the California Citrus Nursery Board's Industry Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Tom Mulholland at 9:04 a.m. at Monfort Management Services Conference Room in Dinuba, California on Tuesday, May 1, 2007. Roll was taken showing a quorum was present with the following in attendance:

Committee Members

Milo Gorden
Robert LoBue
Allan Lombardi
Tom Mulholland
Bob Zuckerman, Ex-Officio

Staff

JD Allen, Assistant Manager
Jim Melban, Manager

Financial Report

Melban briefly reviewed the financial report, (Exhibit, "A", attached), stating the Board has a cash balance of \$403,674 in the bank. He said that amount includes the recent funds received from the State, (\$47,393), interest income for the current year, (\$2,792), and carryover funds from the previous year, (\$363,970). On the expense side, Melban said that all items are, so far, following the projected budget.

Discussion of Industry Ideas

Chairman Mulholland directed everyone to the proposed topics handout, (Exhibit "B", attached), noting the priorities in this order: protocols for new varieties, developing time line, protocols and flow for registration testing program, and then other industry topics.

Protocols for New Varieties - After a lengthy discussion, noting disastrous releases in the recent past, the Committee agreed upon the following protocol/model for the release of new varieties:

1. Gauge the demand in the industry for the release
2. Release first generation trees to any licensed nursery in conjunction with a strong non-propagation agreement.

Mulholland said this model needs to be in place so that any high-demand varieties that are released, from any source, can be quickly and efficiently released into the hands of nurserymen. The Committee discussed the fact that these early-release trees would not yet be "true-typed" so there would be some risk to the nursery that the trees might have to subsequently be pulled, but it was agreed that this should be a business decision for each nursery to weigh within their organization.

Registration Testing Program - Zuckerman pointed out that Vidalakis has been working under the assumption that no test results, under the CCCP program, are to be released until all testing and results are completed. The Committee agreed that this is not the way the program was supposed to

work and that a protocol needs to be developed so that Vidalakis, or anyone else administering the program will have a clear mandate from the Board. The Committee agreed on the following protocol for a more timely reporting of test results:

1. Any positive Tristeza test should immediately be reported to the grower
2. Any negative tests should be sent to CDFA immediately, and within two weeks, CDFA should notify the grower of the results.

Other Industry Topics - Mulholland stated that one of this Committee's charges is to liaison with other industry organizations and develop relationships and open lines of communication with these groups. In addition, it was suggested that the Committee needs to keep up with NAPPO/WTO issues as they relate to budwood and the nursery industry. Pests and diseases were also discussed and Melban said the Research Committee is already looking into developing a pest management strategic plan (PMSP) for the citrus nursery industry, which would identify critical research, regulatory and educational needs for the industry as it relates to pest management.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



I, JD Allen, Assistant 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 meeting of the Citrus Nursery Industry Committee held on May 1, 2007 in Dinuba, California.

JD Allen, Assistant Manager