



**CALIFORNIA OLIVE COMMITTEE
Research Sub-Committee Meeting
Minutes**

Monday, February 9th, 2009
Modesto Courtyard, Modesto California

CALL TO ORDER

Sub-Committee Chairman Dennis Burreson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
The following members were present:

Members

Dennis Burreson
Dan Dreyer
Scott Patton
Pat Campbell
John Erickson
Michael Silveira
Dave Hails
Gene Welch
Robin Robinson
Kate Hart
Ed Curiel
Mark Heuer
Don Stutsman
Gary Bodine
Murray Campbell

Researchers Present:

Art Hutcheson, Doug Gubler, Rodrigo Krugner, Victoria Yokoyama, Jim Stewart, Uriel Rosa, Marshall Johnson, Bill Krueger, Dan Flynn, Louise Ferguson.

Others Present:

Cody McCoy, Adin Hester, Ed Melanesio, Steve Sibbett, Jennifer Garcia, and Carmen Herrada.

A motion was called to approve the minutes of the November 18th, 2008 Research Sub-Committee meeting, which set the 2009 Research Budget at \$450,000, with an additional contingency fund of \$45,000, totaling \$495,000. Mark Heuer so moved, and Gene Welch seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The following researchers presented their presentations:

Proposal title	P.I.'s	Requested funds
		\$
Release and evaluation of imported natural enemies of the olive fruit fly (2009)	Daane et al.	33,150
Developing of Mechanical Harvesting for California Olives: 2007-2010	Ferguson et al.	117,545
Implement Diagnosis, Epidemiology, and Control Methods for Fungal Pathogens Causing Stem Canker and Branch Dieback of Olive Trees in California	Gubler	27,186
Development and Performance Evaluation of the Hutcheson Mechanical Olive Harvester	Hutcheson	20,957
Appraising the Threat of Olive Psyllid to California Table Olives	Johnson et al.	33,152
Monitoring Olive Fruit Fly Populations in Glenn and Tehama Counties	Krueger	5,500
Evaluation of pathogenicity and insect transmission of <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> strains to olive plants	Krugner	8,089
Development of (a) Canopy Shaking and (b) High Frequency Trunk Shaking Machines for Mechanical Harvesting of California Table Olives	Rosa	106,000
Picking Head Improvement and Further Development of the DSE Mechanical Harvester	Smith	58,528
Southern San Joaquin Valley Olive Fruit Fly Monitoring Project	Stewart	5,200
Biological and Cultural Control of Olive Fruit Fly in California---Utilization of Parasitoids from USDA-APHIS-PPQ, Guatemala and Cultural Control Methods	Yokoyama	25,000

After the researchers presented their proposals, the meeting went into closed session. The following projects were approved:

Proposal title	P.I.'s	Requested S	Motion - approved or denied	Who made motion. Who seconded it.	Amount Approved 2/9/09
Release and evaluation of imported natural enemies of the olive fruit fly (2009)	Daane et al.	33,150	approved	Dave Hails Mark Heuer	25,000
Developing of Mechanical Harvesting for California Olives: 2007-2010	Ferguson et al.	117,545	approved	Mike Silveira John Erickson	117,545
Implement Diagnosis, Epidemiology, and Control Methods for Fungal Pathogens Causing Stem Canker and Branch Dieback of Olive Trees in California	Gubler	27,186	approved	Scott Patton Mike Silveira	17,943
Development and Performance Evaluation of the Hutcheson Mechanical Olive Harvester	Hutcheson	20,957	approved	Murray Campbell Don Stutsman	20,957
Appraising the Threat of Olive Psyllid to California Table Olives	Johnson et al.	33,152	approved	Mike Silveira Don Stutsman	25,000
Monitoring Olive Fruit Fly Populations in Glenn and Tehama Counties	Krueger	5,500	approved		5,500
Evaluation of pathogenicity and insect transmission of <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> strains to olive plants	Krugner	8,089	approved	Dave Hails Scott Patton	8,089
Development of (a) Canopy Shaking and (b) High Frequency Trunk Shaking Machines for Mechanical Harvesting of California Table Olives	Rosa	106,000	approved	Mark Heuer Scott Patton	106,000
Picking Head Improvement and Further Development of the DSE Mechanical Harvester	Smith	58,528	denied		
Southern San Joaquin Valley Olive Fruit Fly Monitoring Project	Stewart	5,200	approved		5,200
Biological and Cultural Control of Olive Fruit Fly in California---Utilization of Parasitoids from USDA-APHIS-PPQ, Guatemala and Cultural Control Methods	Yokoyama	25,000	approved	Dave Hails Mark Heuer	25,000

Motion Daane et al. moved by Dave Hails, duly seconded by Mark Heuer and unanimously carried for \$25,000. **APPROVED**

Motion Ferguson et al. moved by Mike Silveira, duly seconded by John Erickson, and unanimously carried for \$117,545. **APPROVED**

Motion Gubler. moved by Scott Patton, duly seconded by Mike Silveira, and unanimously carried for \$17,943. **APPROVED**

Motion Hutcheson. moved by Murray Campbell, duly seconded by Don Stutsman, and unanimously carried for \$20,957. **APPROVED**

Motion Johnson et al. moved by Mike Silveira, duly seconded by Don Stutsman, and unanimously carried for \$25,000. **APPROVED**

Motion Krugner. moved by Dave Hails, duly seconded by Scott Patton, and unanimously carried for \$8,089. **APPROVED**

Motion Rosa. moved by Dave Hails, duly seconded by Mark Heuer and unanimously carried for \$106,000. **APPROVED**

Motion Smith. moved by **Dave Hails**, duly seconded by **Mark Heuer** to deny this project for \$58,528. It was unanimously carried. **DENIED**

Motion Yokoyama. moved by Dave Hails, duly seconded by Mark Heuer and unanimously carried for \$25,000. **APPROVED**

The following projects were separated, as not being seen as “research projects”, but seen more as a “service, or consulting” assistance:

<u>Krueger.</u> (Northern trap counts) unanimously carried for \$5,500.	APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
<u>Stewart.</u> (Southern trap counts) unanimously carried for \$5,200.	APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
<u>Specialty Crops 2009 Dues.</u> unanimously carried for \$6,000.	APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
<u>Sibbett.</u> (Research oversight consultation) unanimously carried for \$12,700.	APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The total sum of the above approved research projects, along with the approved services came to \$374,934; leaving a balance available of \$75,066; based upon the \$450,000.

Under New Business- the Sub-Committee invited Dan Flynn, UC Olive Center to present researcher Allison Mitchell’s proposal, entitled, “Acrylamide Study” in the effort to improve the quality of olives.

Motion Mitchell. moved by Don Stutsman, duly seconded by Pat Campbell and unanimously carried for \$35,481. **APPROVED**

Mitchell's approved project funds came out of the Contingency Funds of \$50,000, leaving \$9,519 balance available.

With no further business to come before the Marketing Sub-Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

I hereby certify that the above is full, true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting held on February 9, 2009, in Modesto California, by the COC Research Sub-Committee.

Date

Christi Darling, California Olive Committee