



California Olive Committee
Research Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 21st, 2020
9:00 AM
ZOOM/Conference Call

I. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Research Subcommittee was called to order by Dennis Burreson at 9:00 A.M., and the following members were present:

Members

Carolina Burreson
 Michael Silveira
 Chris Henderson
 Giulio Zavolta
 Pat Ricchiuti
 Galen Pfeiffer
 Mark Heuer
 Dennis Burreson
 Matt Miller
 Julia Tinsley
 John Pierretti
 Jacob Peters
 Janet Edwards

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Others Present:

Todd Sanders	COC
Elizabeth Carranza	COC
Elise Oliver	COC
Kathie Notoro	USDA
Felix Musco	MUSCO

With the appropriate number of members from producers and handlers in, a quorum was established.

MOVED by Galen PFEIFFER, duly seconded by John PIERRETTI, and carried THAT the minutes of the 11.14.19 Research Subcommittee meeting be approved. (Motion 7.21.20 #1)

II. Review of 2019 Research Final Reports

Elise OLIVER provided a brief summary of three No Cost Extension Final Reports for the 2019 year. Included in the packet was a chart highlighting in red the three researchers who were granted No Cost Extensions. Final Reports for these researchers were emailed out after the meeting.

III. Update on CA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Applications



Elise OLIVER discussed the status of the current grant application for the project entitled, Preventing Xylella Fastidiosa in California Ripe Olives by Determining Susceptibility of California Ripe Olive Varieties. The application is currently in phase two of the process and the COC is expecting to hear back in fall 2020 on whether or not we will be receiving the grant. Elise also asked subcommittee members to start thinking about future grant ideas that they would like the COC to apply for. She will be reaching out to subcommittee members in the near future to further discuss grant ideas so the COC team can begin the application process for the 2020 year.

IV. Discussion and Approval of 2021 Research Priorities

Each year the Research Subcommittee sets priorities of research they would like executed on their behalf for the following year. These efforts are to fund more specific and calculated research to enhance the benefits to the industry. Once the priorities are set they are provided to the University of California and other Land-Grant Institution liaisons to request proposals from researchers. Proposals will be reviewed for funding in November by the subcommittee.

List of Priorities:

- Mechanical Harvesting for high density orchards and existing orchards
- Mechanical harvesting transition
- Cost study to determine which trees are convertible for trunk shaking
- Loosening Agents
- Management of black scale
- Management of olive knot
- Canopy Management
- Olive Fruit Fly Trapping
- Evaluation of drone technology and satellite imagery to measure canopy density and yields
- DNA Study

MOVED by Pat RICCHIUTI, duly seconded by Julia TINSLEY, and unanimously carried THAT the list of new priorities be approved for 2021 priorities. (Motion 7.21.20 #2)

V. Other Business

VI. Adjournment

- a. Chairman Dennis BURRESON adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Elise Oliver

Date: July 28, 2020

Elise Oliver, California Olive Committee



Summary of Motions for July 21, 2020

Motion 7.21.20 #1

APPROVED

MOVED by Galen PFEIFFER, duly seconded by John PIERRETTI, and carried THAT the minutes of the 11.14.19 Research Subcommittee meeting be approved.

Motion 7.21.20 #2

APPROVED

MOVED by Pat RICCHIUTI, duly seconded by Julia TINSLEY, and unanimously carried THAT the list of new priorities be approved for 2021 priorities.