

## **Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 4:00 pm in the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department Conference Room, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 15-A, Redlands, are as follows:

**Members:**      Bill Oesterlein   Peter Buoye   Jack Steward  
                         Rolland Moore   Michael Day   Bob Crim

**City Staff:**      Rick Cross      Jon Harrison      Andy Ortiz

**Farming/Packing Companies:**      Chuck Hills      Roy Bettencourt

**Guests:**      Dennis Bell

1. **Call to Order:**    The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Buoye.
2. **Public Comments:**      None
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - A.    The minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting was approved as written. M/S/P.
4. **Status Reports:**
  - A.    Packing House Report – Roy provided the following updates:
    1. All the Navels have now been harvested for the season, including the late varieties.
    2. The GF harvest will begin this week at the Mt. View grove. Demand is strong in Japan right now.
    3. Roy handed out a summary of the 2016 and 2017 Navel harvest yields, which showed a 35% reduction in production for 2017. Yields in other areas of the state were also down for 2017.
    4. The domestic market for Valencia's is slow right now.
  - B.    Farming Report- Chuck provided the following updates:
    1. The new West Redlands Gateway grove was planted the first week of April.
    2. The spring replants are done in the Prospect Park grove.
    3. The pesticide sprays for insect pest pressure will begin this week.
    4. The Valencia crop for this season looks like a light crop.

5. The Mt. View grove trees are growing very well and it may be time soon to begin removing some of the inter-planted trees (Rio's).

C. Individual Commissioner's Reports:

1. The new water valve has been installed at the Lugonia grove; the trees have also been skirted and the grove looks good.

D. 10 year Citrus Plan:

1. There was a brief discussion about the various reports and models that have been developed by other individuals and agencies to put together a business plan for various crops, including citrus. It is anticipated that one of those reports or a combination of several of the reports/models can be developed to suit our needs. A template for a business plan will be brought back to a future meeting for review and discussion.

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business:

A. Update on new ACP Quarantine Regulations:

1. The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announced that enforcement of the regulations related to the movement of bulk citrus, including tarping, would be effective April 3, 2017. For now, CDFA and local law enforcement officials will be the primary agencies enforcing the regulations.

B. Texas Grove Non-Potable Water Update:

1. Three bids were received to tie in the non-potable water source to the grove location. The low of \$23,000 was accepted.

C. Planting Subcommittee Guidelines

D. Verizon cell tower at Mullin Grove:

7. Adjournment at 4:42 pm to the Next Meeting, May 9, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Oesterlein  
Commission Secretary