

## Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 4:00 pm in the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 15A, Redlands, are as follows:

Members: Peter Buoye, Chair Bill Oesterlein Wayne Mishak  
Jack Steward Rolland Moore Gary McCormick

City Staff: Ben Matlock Ashley Johnson Rick Cross  
Jon Harrison, Liaison James Garland

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hills Danny Weatherwax

Guests: Dennis Bell

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.
  2. Public Comments: None
  3. Approval of Minutes:
    - A. The minutes of March 10, 2015, meeting was approved as written. M/S/P.
  4. New Business:
    - A. Farming Report- Chuck provided the following updates:
      1. Weed spraying and irrigation currently taking place.
      2. Some Navel groves are still to be picked.
      3. ACP and thrip spray applications will begin soon.
      4. The SB County Farm Bureau and Ag. Comm. Office have started a joint ACP TF.
- Packing House Report: Danny provided the following updates:
1. The demand for Navels should start to improve soon, along with the prices.
  2. The statewide estimate for the Valencia yield may be down 20%. The demand is likely to focus on the smaller sized fruit.
  3. The Valencia harvest should begin in May.

B. Update on Prospect Park Subcommittee:

1. The subcommittee held their second meeting with the public the last week of March.
2. Recommendations to the City Council still pending.
3. The drought and water will likely be a major concern for any future re-planting.

C. Individual Commissioner Reports:

1. No issues were noted.

D. Discussion about the 2014 Annual Citrus Report:

1. Ashley presented a very nice draft of the 2014 report. For the first time in years, revenue exceeded expenditures for the citrus fund. The report contained summaries for the following areas:

- A. Background
- B. Revenue and Expense Summary
- C. Farming Operations Performance
- D. Market Projection
- E. Commission Recommendations

5. Possible Agenda Items for the next meeting:

- A. Perimeter fencing around certain groves.
- B. Increasing the reserve portion of the citrus fund.
- C. Crop insurance.

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

7. The Next Meeting date will be May 12, 2015.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Oesterlein  
Commission Secretary