

**CITY OF REDLANDS
CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting of November 4, 2023
MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 4:00 pm - Attendance

Present: Michael Day Roger Hardy
Thomas Lanza Rollie Moore
Heather Ross John Smith

City Council: None in attendance

FCS Staff: Chris Boatman, Zach LaBonte, Kathleen Giorgianni, Don Crow

Farming/Packing companies: Al Ruiz

Guests: Dennis Bell, Roy Bettencourt, Rich O'Donnell, Carolyn O'Donnell

2. Public Comments: Dennis Bell attended the Oriental Fruit Fly briefing earlier today. Quarantine now includes Oak Glen.

3. Approval of Minutes:
Approval of October 10, 2023, minutes deferred to next Citrus Preservation Commission Meeting.

4. Status Reports

- A. *Packinghouse report:* Al Ruiz made a presentation of the Pack Out Report for 2023 with comparison to 2022. City Staff to share the presentation.
- B. *Facilities & Community Services report:* Due to Oriental Fruit Fly(OFF) City will not be able to sell fruit from certain groves this season. Jacinto, 5th Avenue, West Riverview, Prospect, and Olive are in OFF core. Other city groves are being sprayed for treatment. The city is investigation insurance options.
- C. *Individual Commissioner Reports:*
- D. Lugonia Grove replanting – ribbon cutting on November 21, 2023.
- E. Pump Status (Riverview Grove): Meeting with Legal and recommend Council to restructure the water company.

6. Old Business

- A. Discussion and possible action related to options to provide homeowners with maintenance support, including systematic pest control. Requested City to communicate to community via newspapers, website and social media regarding the Oriental Fruit Fly as well as encouraging residents to continue to treat for psyllid.
- B. Discussion and possible action of Farm Bureau's seminars to be held at the Carriage House and determine date.
- C. Discussion and possible action related to England Estate Citrus Grove.
 - a. City received written offer from Armitage
 - i. City to acquire grove for \$100,000 fully replanted with fan irrigation and 15 shares of West Redlands Water Company.

7. New Business

- A. Oriental Fruit Fly quarantine discussion
- B. Motion to forgo December 12, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Moore motioned and Commissioner Lanza seconded. Approved.

8. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting

9. 5:04 pm – Adjournment to January 8, 2024 meeting at MUED large conference room.