

California Department of Food and Agriculture
Marketing Branch
Approval of Meeting Minutes and Actions

Program:	California Pistachio Research Board
Meeting Date:	April 9, 2024
Meeting Location:	Fresno, CA and via Zoom videoconference and teleconference

Notable Actions:

2024 0409 #02	Motion to fund research proposal HP-2024-51 titled: "Understanding migration and distribution of systemic pesticide residue in pistachio nut tissues", submitted by Gurreet Brar, in the amount of \$100,000.00 to cover the additional pesticides added to the study.

APPROVED

SECRETARY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

BY: 

Joe Monson, Branch Chief
Marketing Branch

DATE: MAY 6, 2024



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MEETING MINUTES
CALIFORNIA PISTACHIO RESEARCH BOARD
Board of Directors Meeting

April 9, 2024 – 1:00 P.M.

Zoom

Roll Call

Chairman Tom Coleman called the zoom meeting to order at 1:02 P.M. A complete board roster is shown below with an * indicating those in attendance. A quorum was established.

Members	Alternates	Advisory Committee
* Tom Coleman, Chairman	1 st Alternate	Robert Beede
* Gerrid Climer	* Joseph Coelho	Carl Fanucchi
Jeremy Blackwell	2 nd Alternate	*Todd Fukuda
* Rob Goff	* Clay Beck	Mike Harvey
Joey Mendonca	3 rd Alternate	*Brad Higbee
* Brian O’Neill	* Todd Tracy	Anthony Rabo
* Zack Raven	4 th Alternate	Rod Stiefvater
Mike Smith	* Michael Naito	
* Erik Wilkins		
* Christine Milgrom (Public Member)		

*Indicates those members, alternates and advisors in attendance.

Others Present: Mirek Wilczek (CDFA), Cindy Dean and Bob Klein, Stephen Vasquez, Laura Larsen, Brian Hauss, Jeff Gibbons, Kamie Munger, Kirk Squire, Monica Hopwood, Shane Bickner, Tyson Poulson

Approval of the February 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Stephen Vasquez noted one correction. Under Review and funding of the proposals. “The 2023-2024 approved budget allocates \$4,000.00 for research”, it needs to be corrected to read \$4,000,000.

Board Motion 2024-04-09 #1

It was moved by Gerrid Climer and seconded by Brian O’Neill to approve the February 14, 2024; minutes with the correction of 4,000.00 to 4,000,000.00 The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

No Comments

CDFFA Report

Mirek Wilczek CDFFA representative thanked us for getting in all the Form 700’s.

Manager’s Report

No Comment

Revised Proposal Review

Stephen Vasquez went over the revised proposals from M3, Gurreet Brar, and Louise Ferguson.

- M3 – Steve noted that after meeting with M3 that the proposals stand as originally submitted. There was lots of discussion. The Board chose not to fund.
 1. ENT-2024-6 - \$309,019.00 “Development of an X-Ray Module for Navel Orangeworm Sterile Insect Technique”
 2. ENT-2024-8 - \$61,050.00 “Nutritional Ecology of the Navel Orangeworm a geometric approach”
 3. ENT-2024-9 - \$80,919.00 “X-ray as a tool for mating disruption and SIT for the Navel Orangeworm”
- Gurreet Brar – Dr. Brar had originally submitted 3 proposals focused on salinity (HA-2024-21, HA-2024-22) and dormancy breaking (HP-2024-49) totaling \$152,360. All three were denied funding. He

submitted a new, fourth proposal HP-2024-51 titled “Understanding migration and distribution of systemic pesticide residue in pistachio nut tissues” with an original funding request for \$85,700. After reviewing the fourth proposal, the Board requested that a modification be made to remove lambda-cyhalothrin and concentrate on 5 pesticides (Acetramiprid / Sulfoxalor / Buprofezin / Imidacloprid / Methoxyfenozide) and fund for an increased amount of \$100,000.00.

1. HP-2024-51 - \$85,700.00 “Understanding migration and distribution of systemic pesticide residue in pistachio nut tissues”

- Louise Ferguson – Steve went over the revisions that were made to the proposal. After extensive discussion, the Board chose not to fund.

1. HA-2024-23 - \$231,414.00 “Saline Irrigation Strategies for Pistachio”

Board Motion 2024-04-09 #2

It was moved by Zack Raven and seconded by Brian O’Neill that the board increase the requested budget from \$85,700.00 to \$100,000.00 to cover the additional pesticides added to the study HP-2024-51 by Gurreet Brar. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Other Business

None

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Topics for Future Consideration

None

Scheduling of Future Meetings

No future meetings were scheduled at this time.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm

Certification

I, Stephen Vasquez, Executive Director, California Pistachio Research Board, do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is a true and correct account of the meeting of the California Pistachio Research Board conducted on April 9, 2014.

Date: _____

Stephen Vasquez, Executive Director California Pistachio Research Board