
GLENN COUNTY OLIVE PEST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Minutes

Meeting Date: February 9, 2011
Time: 9:00 am
Place: Glenn County Department of Agricultural
720 North Colusa Street
Willows, CA 95988

I. Introductions:

Glenn County Olive Pest Management Board of Directors present:

Scott Studybaker	Chairman
Dan Kennedy	Vice Chairman
Ed Romano	Secretary
Chuck Schonauer	Alternate
Jim Aguiar	Alternate

Others in attendance:

Jean Miller	Glenn County Department of Agriculture
Ernie Simpson	Ern's Pest Control
Jennifer Kline	Glenn County Department of Agriculture
Dottie Lacroix	Glenn County Department of Agriculture
Bill Krueger	Cooperative Extension Service

II. Agenda Items:

1. **Approve the Minutes from the December 1st, 2010 meeting-** It was M/S/C to approve the minutes.
2. **Removal of trees on Road 24** - Scott, John and Ed looked at Joe Sanchez's property on Road 24. Ed and Ernie measured the property so the District could estimate cost to remove trees and erect a new fence to replace the one that would be removed.

Ed got an estimate from Corning Lumber for a six foot high 1,000 foot long fence. With a discount from Corning Lumber, the material would cost \$3,700.00. For five foot fence, the cost would be \$2,958.00.

Ernie also got estimate from Corning Lumber for a five foot fence. For a 950 ft. fence the material would cost \$3,325.00. He also got an estimate of material from Home Depot for five foot high horse fence with T post and clips for \$2,428.00. Photos of the property were passed around. Ernie pointed out that the existing fence along HWY 99 appears to be five foot.

They also looked at Forester's property on road HWY 99 and discussed tree removal or spraying. Mr. Forester doesn't want the trees in the front of his property removed but would allow the district to remove the trees at the back of his property if the district erected a six foot fence. The trees at the back of the property along the railroad tracks are hard to get to due to blackberries and debris. This would need to be cleared for both tree removals and/or spraying. Mr. Forester said he would be willing to contribute monetarily for his trees to be sprayed by the district.

There is concern that if the district agrees to put up fencing at the District's expense after trees are removed, that would set a precedent for future tree removal sites.

After a lengthy discussion, the District decided to make a path behind Forester's so Ernie will be able to spray the trees by the railroad tracks. The District also decided to make arrangements with the Road Dept. or Old Durham Wood to remove the other trees in that area between Rd 24 and Rd 25.

- 3. Update on Tree Removal** - Ernie informed the district that he has three more trees to remove on Road 19; one tree is in the telephone lines. The telephone company gave the ok to remove the tree. Bushway removed two trees in Willows. One had the largest stump Ernie has ever treated. Around 40 trees have been removed since the last tree removal letter was sent out in November 2010.

Ernie has been treating any regrowth along the County roads. Road FF will need to be treated soon.

The orchard on Rd 20 and Rd H is not being sprayed because the property was sold. Ernie still sprays the trees along the road.

Ed informed the District that Bob Christian has removed his stumps.

Ernie has observed a lot of trees that should be removed that are not near county roads. There is property at Road 22 and K that have olive trees that are not along the road. Ernie has talked to the owners and they are willing to place traps in the trees. Ernie will ask if they would be willing to remove the trees.

Scott will get a hold of Old Durham Wood to remove trees at Road 24 and possible Road 22. Jim will talk to the new owner of the property on Rd 20 and Rd H about removing the trees Ernie can't spray from the road.

4. **Discussion of abatement motion from December meeting** – The District can't trap prior year abatements without the abatement paper work being completed each year. The District should monitor properties that were abated in past years and then if flies are found inform the owner. If the owners are unwilling to treat at that time then the District could start the abatement process.

When the abatement process has found flies and the owners are going to spray, the District would like to continue monitoring traps every two weeks until October.

5. **Discussion of changes to Abatement procedures** – Jean presented copies of the old and the proposed new abatement procedures. She went over the changes and after discussion by the District; it was M/S/C to approve the changes.
6. **OPMD website** – Jean updated the District on the progress of the website. The OPMD information will be on the Glenn County Agricultural Commissioner's website under Topics. The District can put agendas, minutes, trap counts and any other information here for the public. The page is not live at this time.
7. **Attract and Kill Traps** – Ernie ask that we order more Attract and Kill traps for this year. The District ordered 1500 traps last year. It was M/S/C to order 1500 traps for this year.
8. **Olive Fruit Fly Education Grant money update** – Jean talked about the Olive Fruit Fly Education Grant the Agricultural Commissioner's office receives. This grant money has been used for door hangers that Dottie has been leaving for residents with olive trees and for the updating of the brochure the Coop. Extension office developed. Jean extended a request for ideas that this money could be utilized for.
9. **Additional Items**
 - A) **GF-120** – Ernie has 23 gal in storage and 60 gal were delivered to the shop in Orland. This amount should last the whole season.
 - B) **Road Department** – We will invite them to the meetings in the future.
 - C) **California Agriculture Article** – This magazine put out a special edition on the Olive Fruit Fly, olives for oil and how weather affects the Olive Fruit Fly.
 - D) **Olives left on trees** – If we have a cool summer, Jim is concerned that there is going to be a problem with the Olive Fruit Fly. Bill said that he was surprised that the Olive Fruit Fly was not a big problem last season possible reasons for this could have been the freeze last year. Discussion ensued on the Black Scale problem and the possibility of Black Scale supporting the Olive Fruit Fly population.
 - E) **Olive Day** – Plans are underway to pick a date in mid-April. It will be held in Orland this year.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 am.

Submitted by,
Jennifer Kline

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