
GLENN COUNTY OLIVE PEST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Minutes

Meeting Date: November 15, 2011
Time: 9:00 am
Place: 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
John Erickson	Asst. Secretary
Chuck Schonauer	Alternate
Jim Aguiar	Alternate

Others in Attendance:

Jean Miller	Glenn County Agricultural Department
Dottie Lacroix	Glenn County Agricultural Department
Bill Krueger	California Corporative Extension
Ernie Simpson	Ern's Pest Control
Jennifer Kline	Glenn County Agricultural Department

II. Agenda Items:

1. **Approval of the Minutes form the Public Hearing Held on June 2, 2011-** It was M/S/C to approve the minutes.

2. **Green Waste Facility in Orland** - Ernie informed the district that the green waste facility in Orland ran by the City of Orland is only open 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays. For a truck and trailer load it is \$15.00 and for a trailer load only it is \$10.00. The board asked Ernie to include that charge on his invoice for reimbursement at this time or have the grower burn the brush if possible.

Jean suggested contacting the City of Orland to discuss an exemption or some other arrangement to facilitate disposal of olive trees.

3. **Olive Fruit Fly Counts** - Jean informed the board that the OPMD website is up and running. She told everyone how to get to the site. One of the things posted on the website was the monitoring for trap fly counts. Fly count charts were passed out for the monitoring traps. Dottie and Jean went over the totals. Dottie checked her traps every Friday. These charts gave the dates the traps were checked and how many male and female flies were found at each location. Dottie noticed that the counts would drop dramatically after Ernie sprayed roadside trees. Dottie informed Ernie when trap counts increased greatly so he could spray if possible.

The abatement property chart showed that the counts were very high when the trap was first placed. Two other traps were placed (location B and C) three weeks later near the abatement location as a comparison. At the end of June the abatement property had a total of 192 flies. Jean sent the abatement letter out July 6, 2011 but by that time the fly count had dropped to zero. The other two properties had low counts at the end of June but as the season progressed, the counts started to rise. As of November 10, 2011 the total count at the abatement property was 282, at location B the total was 194 and at location C the total was 101 flies.

Bill Krueger from the UC Extension Office informed the board his monitoring traps in Glenn and Tehama Counties have had lower fly counts this year. He believes this is because he uses the same orchard every year. Last year he didn't catch flies until September. In his experience fly counts are high in May, June and October.

Jean is concerned that because the olive yield was so low that growers will not spray and that next year the Olive Fly counts will be extremely high next spring.

4. **Tree Removal Letter** - Jean will work on another tree removal letter for growers with 1 to 500 trees. With the yield being so poor there might be interest from the smaller growers to have their orchards removed.
5. **Assessment Correction Update** - Jennifer informed the District that despite the difficulties that arose with the Department of Finance both Glenn Kaye and Gus Henning have finally been paid their tax overpayment reimbursement. She thanked Tina for making the phone calls and finalizing the paperwork.
6. **Olive Fly Damage** - The facilities are finding less than 1% damage overall. There have been some loads that have been rejected due to damage.
7. **Additional Items**
 - A) **Help for Tehama County Olive Pest Management** - Jean informed the District that Tehama County OPMD would like Dottie to do work for them. To do this Dottie's time would be split between the Districts. The District was supportive of sharing Dottie's time and skills with Tehama County OPMD. Jean will look into seeing how this can be done.
 - B) **Spraying Abatement Property** - Dottie found three female flies at the beginning of November on the abatement property. Ernie was out of town so the property was not sprayed. Since the weather had cooled and the fly counts have decreased, the district decided that it

would not be necessary to spray now but to continue monitoring the abatement property and then spray in the spring.

- C) **GF-120 Resistance** - Bill is concerned that the Olive Fly is becoming resistant to GF-120. He has sent 1 fly sample to Frank Salam for analyses but he has not received the results back yet. There are orchards that have been sprayed with GF-120 since 2004. Information confirming a development of resistance would be useful in developing alternative control methods. Danitol is a pirithrod that is labeled for olives as a full coverage spray; Jean will check the label to confirm it cannot be used as a bait spray.
- D) **Olive Crop Yields** - Bill has heard half ton per acre on Manzanella olives were picked this season. A lot of olives were not picked resulting in overall yield in Glenn County around quarter ton per acre. The overall state crop is at 27,000 tons per acre. Olive oil yields were ok this year. California Olive Ranch was expecting 12,000 truckloads but will probably only get 8,000 truckloads.
- E) **New Saw** - Ernie's saw that the District bought in the past is not working. He would like to purchase a new saw. M/S/C
- F) **Tree removal east of Hwy 99 between 24 & 25** - Tom Forester is not willing to remove the olive trees on the back of the property because he is concerned that people will steal from him. We are back to making a path for Ernie to use for the spraying of the trees.
- G) **Tree removal Rd 20 & H** - Jim contacted the owners but at this time they do not want to remove their trees.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 am.

Submitted by,
Jennifer Kline

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