



MULTI-AGENCY MEETING ON COFFEE LEAF RUST #21

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 8:30AM

Teleconferencing via ZOOM

Notes

- Welcome/Introductions
- Updates
 - HDOA
 - Surveys
 - Not much to update, have not been able to send out crews due to weather on Oahu
 - Anecdotally, leaf rust found in Kau, but HDOA has not received any sample and is not officially confirmed
 - Emergency Declaration: Done. PR?
 - We have a copy of emergency declaration
 - Draft of PR from State has been submitted to HDOA
 - Board of Agriculture
 - Quarantine expansion Lanai, Oahu (BOA March 23)
 - Has been confirmed by BOA
 - Update re PBARC amended quarantine conditions (BOA March 23) Tracie/Lance
 - Has been confirmed by BOA
 - Plants have to be in quarantine for 6 months and then PQB will coordinate release of plants and allow for propagation under quarantine on own premises and continues for additional six months with inspections on site
 - Section 18 Submittal
 - Reporting requirements & template
 - Enforcement requirements and protocols
 - Outreach and education relating to the Section 18
 - Started with dealers of Priaxor last week
 - Zoom meetings for use April 1st and 8th through UH CTAHR
 - Draft Label
 - Outstanding issues?
 - 45 days ends on April 30th
 - Amnesty for varieties already in Hawaii (resistance, yield, cup quality)

- HDOA will be meeting with USDA and will provide updates as they have
- Other topics related to Quarantine with USDA PPQ and are currently coordinating a teleconference
- HCGA
 - Section 18 Application Update
 - No updates since Sect 18 has been handed over to the HDOA
 - Other
 - Starting to get outreach on Priaxor usage
 - Managed to arrest with use of Badge at MauiGrown
 - Still some concern about potential spread
 - Varieties should be the number one topic to focus on at this point
- Chemical Suppliers
 - Availability
 - About 9000 acres of product application has been received
 - Labeling
 - Other
 - 7 day notice to HDOA prior to application, if they spray prior to that are growers in violation? Greg AGR will check with their AG
- USDA
 - PBARC
 - Testing resistance of varieties already growing in Hawaii
 - Research ongoing on weather stations
 - Lab fungicide tests are ongoing and expanding use of products (including with IR4)
 - Protected fungicide field test is ongoing, results will be coming soon
 - Propagation Task Force
 - Tupi and Obata being propagated and tested
 - Other
 - Submitted an ARS proposal to get funding for studying microparasites found on CLR
 - APHIS
 - Strategic Plan to control Coffee Leaf Rust in Hawaii
 - Funding
 - Implementation
 - Task Team reports (end of March)
 - Reminder to Task Force committee leads for reports by Monday March 29
 - Economic analysis
 - Re purposing of existing funds

- Met with members of Congressional Delegation staff in Hawaii and APHIS PPQ, requesting funds for immediate work on three tasks: Identify CLR resistant varieties (\$130k), test varieties from WCR currently in quarantine, and CLR monitoring (\$135k).
 - Agreed to fund CLR monitoring
 - Minimum funds needed to continue these tasks until we hear Congressional Delegation approval for funding for first year as has already been requested for Strategic Plan
- Approx timeline for varitals? Depends on if they need to be brought in from other countries. Putting in effort to get more funding to PBARC so they can test varieties already here.
 - Best case scenario for variety distribution? 8 months
- Working on 2 proposals for Farm Bill to get funding for CBB. Funding will be in collaboration with Colombia, PR, and Hawaii - emphasis in bio-control testing
 - If successful, this will speed up movement to get bio-control agent tested and approved in Hawaii
 - Are CLR and CBB Products compatible? Oxidate and Botanigard are not (recommended to spray Oxidate first and wait one day, if spraying Botanigard first, need to wait four days). Priaxor and Botanigard no compatible. Will update next week with details on timeline between. Cocide3000 specifically is as well as others utilized.
- UH CTAHR
 - Education - Short term response; IPM
 - Please join for Priaxor webinars
 - Priaxor does not have final approval from EPA so it is not available for purchase
 - Communication
 - Grant applications: Status
 - CBB/CLR Conference April 1 & 8th
- SHAC

- ROAR grant outline with UH and PBARC
- Grant updates
- Other
 - Met with Kamehameha Schools to update on CLR
- HARC
 - Update
 - Field grafting proposal/update
 - Not much to update due to rain, as soon as there are a few days of dry weather, they will continue field grafting
 - Other
- Lawmakers
 - No updates
- Feral Coffee –
 - KS report
 - Tom Greenwell met with them and they understand severity of CLR. Will have a follow up meeting. Hopes to talk to Invasive Species Group.
 - Forest Solutions
 - HISC, BISC, MISC
- International Partners
 - No updates
- HCA
 - Organization
 - Will continue weekly meetings
 - Advocacy
 - Legislation:
 - SB 855 re CBB/CLR referee to FIN
 - Not yet scheduled
 - SCR 234 re quarantine facilities
 - Being heard today, HCA submitted testimony
 - HB 1298 re special funds (quarantine)
 - Scheduled for hearing today
 - Quarantine rules
 - Working on budgeting from local philanthropic and industry leaders
 - Duration
 - Want to speed up importation of plants that are known to be CLR resistant in other countries with decent cup quality and yields
 - Also looking at status of Quarantine facilities here in state

- Cannot rely on waiting for Federal/congressional funding
 - Conditions
 - Capacity
 - Importation
 - Fundraising
 - White paper/Tech sheet
 - 501c3 facility
 - Fund development
 - May have found fund developer
 - Communication infrastructure
 - CLR 'Tech sheet'
 - HCA Virtual Conference: June 24-25
- Other resources
 - MCA
 - KCFA
 - Suggest that we look into designating feral coffee as a noxious weed
 - Unsure of the process in doing so
 - Greenwell suggests that we might be able to use federal funds to mitigate.
 - Reach out to Hawaii Invasive Species. Tyler suggests that when something is designated as a noxious weed, importation within that Species becomes much more challenging.
 - Kona Coffee Council
 - Hawaii Farm Bureau
- Next Steps
 - Next meeting Wednesday March 31 at 8:30 am HST

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