



MULTI-AGENCY MEETING ON COFFEE LEAF RUST #5

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2020 9:30AM

Teleconferencing via ZOOM

Meeting Notes

- Welcome/Introductions
 - Ming - HARC
 - Becky Azama - [HDOA Plant Pest Control Branch](#)
 - Jonathan Ho- HDOA Plant Quarantine Branch
 - Roger Kaiwi - Kona Coffee Council

- Updates
 - HDOA
 - Trying to reach underserved communities on the islands via announcements and interviews on the radio, poster and paper materials
 - Surveys
 - Survey continues
 - Only ID'd on Hawaii Island and Maui
 - Any clarification on East Side -
 - Quarantine
 - Interim Rule
 - Transshipping - restricted when changing carriers
 - Carriers/ transporters do not need a permit
 - Permit process
 - A lot of questions
 - Quick turnaround on permit

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- Working to combine CBB permits to streamline reapplication
 - Imported plant material (timeline & restrictions-need road map)
 - Propagating during quarantine
 - What are the barriers?
 - Still looking at options
 - Pesticide emergency use permit?
- USDA Letter DONE
- Pesticide Branch-
 - Explore emergency use permits
- USDA
 - Tracy, Pepe, and Lisa created a new SOP on farm - will be posted on Andrea's website: Hawaiicoffeeed.com/CLR
 - PBARC
 - Testing resistance of varieties already growing in Hawaii
 - Using leaf materials already present with CLR on HI Island and possibly Maui
 - Indoors and in growth chambers
 - Getting lab ready
 - Timeline: ?
 - APHIS role
 - Emergency Response Plan: Timeline
 - Finalizing guidelines that will be included in the plan
 - no specific timeline yet on when this will be available
 - HDOA/HCA will reach out to Wernon Harrington - on the team for ERP and will have a role on the Variety working group for negotiating permits from APHIS to transport CLR resistant varieties to Hawaii from US and Internationally
- Varietal working group
 - Fine tuning and content for draft plan

- Looking for input from this group on Version 7, will help with funding and moving committees forward. Also needs feedback from the industry with costs associated.
 - Get a NIFA letter for NIFA support:
 - Extension to lay out needs for assistance
 - UH research needs within the strategic plan
- Version 5 CLR resistant coffee varieties strategic plan
 - funding and implementation
 - pp 15, potential sources
 - NRCS - specific practices for farmers that can be funded by these grants direct to farmers
 - Congress
 - APHIS funds - reallocated from existing funds
 - Importing Plant materials
 - APHIS permits
 - Barriers?
 - Need federal permit and DOA permit
 - Add Roger Kaiwi to Varietal Working Group
- UH CTAHR
 - Submitted grant proposal for ROAR program
 - Submitting a grant proposal for WESTERN IPM for field work funding and outreach efforts
 - Hilda suggests that in UH grant proposals make it clear this is an emergency and ask that they waive the match for funding need
 - Still working on sampling and monitoring documents, then a pruning documents
 - Education - Short term response
 - Communication – in partnership with HDOA and private industry
 - IR-4 Pesticides
 - Which ones are we focused on and how do we fast track?

- EPA Section 18 (24?)
 - Julie Coughlin - registrant that has a product (Priaxor - systemic fungicide) that is willing to support an emergency exemption. If section 18 is granted, annual renewal of this emergency exemption is dependent on progress towards registration. IR4 is in the process of contacting the registrant and what data is required or additional domestic trials.
- HARC
 - Propagation
 - Varietals
 - 30 varieties from WCR
 - Coming up with a list of the 30 on which have commercial restrictions
 - Arrived in August so they're 3 mo in quarantine in PBARC Hilo. Will be on farm trials (Kauai is the only farm on original permit)
 - Ideally, unrestricted access but looking to modify permit at least increasing site locations for trials
 - New techniques
 - Field grafting
 - 50-100 varieties and long term centralized trail is slow
 - Graft CLR resistant varieties onto stumped acreage
 - Used in Madagascar - Chifumi is looking for more information on this
 - Helps maintain production when replanting fields
 - Bring in expert grafters to assist
- SHAC
 - ROAR grant with UH and PBARC
- International Partners
- Lawmakers
- HCA/Private sector
 - Organization
 - Advocacy

- Update Resource list
- Communication infrastructure
 - Webinar(s)
 - Media
 - Stakeholders
- Other resources
 - HCGA
 - KCFA
- Next Steps
 - Organize a meeting with UH and HDOA about emergency use permits for systemic fungicides
 - Double Nickel efficacy
 - Look forward to Tyler's proposal
 - V8 of Varietal Working Group
 - Chris will reach out to Wernon Harrington to engage him in a more active role
 - Next meeting Dec 2 at 9:30 via Zoom

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9. Kona Coffee Farmers Association-Suzanne Shriner
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