



MULTI-AGENCY MEETING ON COFFEE LEAF RUST #8

THURSDAY DECEMBER 16, 2020 9:30AM

Teleconferencing via ZOOM

Meeting Notes

- Welcome/Introductions
- Updates
 - HDOA
 - Surveys
 - Communication
 - Continues to work with CTAHR for outreach
 - Quarantine
 - Permit progress
 - Protocols for shipping plant material
 - permit conditions in place for everything except trans-shipping
 - No one has applied for trans-shipping so far
 - Imported plant material (timeline & restrictions)
 - Until race of CLR is identified, quarantine mitigates other diseases
 - Catastrophic economical impact on the State
 - What *is* the plan?
 - On an interim emergency basis, State and Fed should allow systemic fungicides that are registered for use either for coffee or for Hawaii
 - Pesticide Branch-
 - Emergency use permits for systemic fungicides
 - Emergency exemption to UH, PBARC looking at various products already registered in Hawaii and will begin trial
 - USDA
 - PBARC
 - Testing resistance of varieties already growing in Hawaii
 - Also looking at fungicides and combinations of fungicides
 - Allowed to test systemics under Cap 10 pesticide permits

- WCR tissue culture, looking to expand trial in Kona and Maui.
 - How to apply to Board of Ag for permission to propagate
 - Other
 - Have to apply for a transit permit from APHIS in order to test the race of CLR. Need to send from Hawaii to Portugal.
 - Survey: Holualoa, speculate 30%+ infestation in feral coffee
- APHIS role
 - Emergency Response Plan: need more input; budget
 - Coffee Berry Borer permit to release biological control in Hawaii. After last call, we are clear on what additional information DOA wants
 - APHIS HQ call, permit for federal biocontrol release has been evaluated
 - If we can get biocontrol release in Hawaii, release some of the pressure on farmers with CBB
 - Group in APHIS which specializes in quarantine. Plans for planting and deal with quarantine with different plants on propagation and import.
- Varietal working group
 - Version 11 CLR resistant coffee varieties strategic plan
 - funding and implementation
 - Importing Plant materials
 - Prioritizing varieties
 - APHIS permits
- UH CTAHR
 - Do not know the rate of spread of CLR on Hawaii Island
 - Currently working on pruning PUB - hard copies are available
 - Micro-climates have a big impact on spread
 - Education - Short term response; IPM
 - Communication – in partnership with HDOA and private industry
 - Grant applications
 - Private fundraising
 - IR-4 Pesticides
 - Which ones are we focused on and how do we fast track?
 - EPA Section 18
- HARC
 - Propagation

- Sent leaf samples to PBARC for Obata and make sure this variety is resistant to the CLR race that is on Hawaii and begin propagation
 - SHAC has room for hiring consultants, staff - offline discussion
 - Varietals
 - Field grafting proposal
- SHAC
 - ROAR grant with UH and PBARC
 - Close on ROAR grant, finalizing budget and matching funds
 - Fundraising update
 - Other
- International Partners
- Lawmakers
 - New role for Dave Chun
- Chemical suppliers
- HCA/Private sector
 - Organization
 - Advocacy
 - Update Resource list
 - Communication infrastructure
 - Webinar(s)
 - Media
 - Stakeholders
- Other resources
 - HCGA
 - Varietal selection
 - IR-4, etc
 - KCFA
 - United Kau Farmers Coop CLR webinar
 - MCA
 - Obata and Tupi being sent to Maui from HARC
 - Kona Coffee Council
- Next Steps
 - Next meeting Wednesday, Dec 30 at 9:30 am
 - Chris created a varietal list and will be incorporated into the Varietal Strategic Plan

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9. Kona Coffee Farmers Association-Suzanne Shriner
10. Ka’u Coffee Mill- Louis Daniele
11. Kauai Coffee Company LLC – Fred Cowell
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