



## **MULTI-AGENCY MEETING ON COFFEE LEAF RUST #18**

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021 8:30AM**

**Teleconferencing via ZOOM**

### **Notes**

- Welcome/Introductions
- Updates
  - HDOA
    - Surveys
      - Protocol for visiting farms
      - Education on farms
    - Emergency Declaration : PR
    - Section 18 leadership
      - Reporting requirements & template (BASF)
      - Enforcement requirements and protocols: Status
      - Outreach and education plan relating to the Section 18
      - Draft Label: Status
        - No updates
      - Support letter: Status
        - Waiting on BASF
        - Once received, HDOA will send to EPA within one week
    - Update re PBARC amended quarantine conditions (BOA March 23)
    - Amnesty for varieties already in Hawaii (resistance, yield, cup quality)
      - Will find out who is in charge of enforcement
  - HCGA
    - Section 18 Application Update
    - IR4 Update (UH- Julie)
      - Does not think SLN avenue will be possible in the short term because none of the products have domestic tolerances
    - Syngenta (Quadis Xtra, Alto)
    - Section 24(c) Special Local Need (SLN) registration
    - Other
      - If we want other products, we should wait for Section 18
      - Focus on Sect. 18 and work with registrants on how we can expedite additional registrations
      - What is the possibility of support from the HDOA for a second Sect. 18

- Would need to look for a product with a different active ingredient
    - Looking for single AI products
- USDA
  - PBARC
    - Testing resistance of varieties already growing in Hawaii
    - Propagation Task Force
    - Other
  - APHIS role
    - Strategic Plan to control Coffee Leaf Rust in Hawaii
      - Funding
      - Implementation
      - Task Team reports (1,2,3,4 & 9)
- UH CTAHR
  - Education - Short term response; IPM
    - Trifold brochures, working on distribution
  - Communication – in partnership with HDOA and private industry
    - Poster distribution
  - Grant applications: Status
    - Did not get funding from Western IPM for field work
- HARC
  - Update
    - Need clarification on shipping seedlings interisland
  - Field grafting proposal/update
    - HCA is interested in information on field grafting for growers, possibly sharing at HCA virtual conference
  - Other
- SHAC
  - ROAR grant outline with UH and PBARC
    - Do not have official paperwork from ROAR
    - Working with UH Hilo and Manoa with PBARC and IR4
      - Fungicide trials on systemics, plant pathology and extension work
      - Head of NIFA dept, who funds it, looks promising that some funding will come in
    - May or June period will have a better idea of more grant funding
  - Other
- Lawmakers
  - Dave of Congressman Kahele's office
    - working on a 5 year plan
    - requested meeting with APHIS to follow up on letter that Hawaii delegation sent in Nov 2020
      - Funding, farm bill PPA sect. 7721

- Iokepa
  - SBA55 Our office sent in request for a hearing
    - HB 236 Companion bill is going to Finance and waiting for hearing
  - SB1405 - hearing has not been scheduled
- HISC, BISC, MISC
  - Taking care of feral coffee, ie. unattended Kamehameha plots
  - Currently helping ranchers spray for spittlebug and eradicate blackberry
- Chemical suppliers
  - Corteva
- International Partners
- HCA
  - Organization
    - Hosting virtual conference in June
  - Advocacy
    - Legislation:
      - SB 855 re CBB/CLR
      - HB 236 CBB/CLR
      - SB1405 re quarantine facilities
    - Quarantine rules
      - Duration
      - Conditions
      - Capacity
      - Importation
  - Fundraising
    - White paper
    - 501c3 facility
    - Fund development
  - Communication infrastructure
    - CLR 'Tech sheet'
    - HCA Conference - Speaker solicitation
      - Kimo - HCGA
      - Tyler - HARC
- Other resources
  - MCA
    - Report that Mitchel McClure - education specialist from HDOA
      - As soon as Sect 18, he will do extension work with Maui growers
    - Specialists on other islands being informed, 1 on Hawaii, 2 on Oahu, 1 on Kauai
  - KCFA
  - Kona Coffee Council
  - Hawaii Farm Bureau

- Next Steps
  - Next meeting will be Thursday, March 11 at 8:30 am

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