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LBAM Monthly Stakeholder Conference Call – 2018
(from most current)

October 9, 2018
- CDFA – no update
- Monterey County – all finished with trapping by November 1.
- San Joaquin County – new regulated area (almond & walnut growing area)
- PPQ Field Operations: new federal fiscal year, under continuing resolution.
- PPQ Science & Technology: Examining regulatory options – best management practices/integrated pest management, treat & ship protocol. Next year: 4 component lure should be used by everyone, should be available through CAPS.
- PPQ Policy – Canada’s exemption of avocado has passed. We continue to look at more harmonization between the interstate exemptions and Canadian exemptions.
- There were 15 participants on the call.
- This was the last monthly call of 2018. The next call is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th @ 4pm ET/3pm CT/2pm MT/1pm PT.

September 11, 2018
- CDFA – There have been a lot of detections in Los Angeles and Orange Counties, look for more in the Bay Area.
- San Diego – 1 new delimitation and 2 that are completed
- San Joaquin – 1 new delimitation
- PPQ query – is there damage associated with new finds? Very few larvae are being found. Most detections/delimitations are associated with trapping.
- PPQ-California – very few finds in organic strawberries, a few in conventionally grown – follow-up field inspections -> no suspects in the fields
- PPQ-Science & Technology – continue to work on treat & ship options with methods development leading to a systems approach
- Commodity Exemptions: PPQ-Policy, PERAL and CDFA will work on discrepancies between lists and exemptions requests
- There were 23 participants on the call
- The next call is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9th @ 4pm ET/3pm CT/2pm MT/1pm PT.

August 14, 2018
- Monterey- nothing;
- San Diego- small expansion in Rancho Santa Fe.
- Merced- LBAM on Albutus in May from nursery. Clean now.
- PPQ reported positive finds on related nursery properties in Santa Clara County and Ventura County. Arbutus and Melaleuca were shipped to 25 counties.
- PPQ and CDFA are working on notifying each county that received shipments of concern in the last 6 months. Some counties have been notified and PPQ will get to them as quickly as possible. PPQ will contact a related company,
Bright View Landscaping- 39 locations in CA. Following up w/ them in the coming weeks.
San Luis Obisbo- finish up end of this month. Nursery finds several. Moving from riparian to nurseries. All of the nurseries are treating.
Ventura- nothing.
Industry: Strawberries- fairly quiet. No news is good news.

Counties specifically requested someone from CDFA be on the call next month to give a state update. CDFA personnel are on the invite list, PPQ Policy Management will follow-up.
There were 20 participants on the call
The next call is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11th @ 4pm ET/3pm CT/2pm MT/1pm PT.

July 10, 2017
PPQ-Oregon reported that Oregon Department of Agriculture had deployed 180 delimitation traps in the treatment area and 711 additional detection traps throughout the state. There are also using 10 light traps for delimitation. No LBAM have been collected in 2018.
Several counties (San Diego, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Tehama, Ventura) provided updates of their activities.
PPQ-California…A recent positive find in Ventura County is connected to a nursery in the northern contiguous quarantine via ownership and shared positive arbutus finds. As of this date two more related properties have positive arbutus finds. CDFA and USDA are continuing to inspect the remaining properties and have trace forward and trace back information which is being evaluated. Involved counties will be contacted.
There were 16 participants on the call
The next call is scheduled for Tuesday, August 14th @ 4pm ET/3pm CT/2pm MT/1pm PT.

June 12, 2018
There was no phone call as the PPQ LBAM Cross Functional Working Group was visiting stakeholders in California.

May 8, 2018
Counties:
- San Diego- series of finds, including new quarantines. (3)
- San Benito, Merced, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Monterey- nothing
- San Luis Obispo- few finds in blackberries
- Ventura- few finds but waiting to see effects.
Industry:
- Inspections working w/ USDA, especially on organic strawberries.
APHIS:
April 10, 2018

- Counties:
  - San Diego- 1 find, increases quarantine slightly, no nursery impact
  - San Joaquin - nothing
  - Sonoma - monthly inspections at shipping nurseries, quiet otherwise
  - Ventura - new quarantine in Moore park area.
  - Monterey - nothing
- Industry: Asked about parasitoid research
-APHIS:
- There were 13 participants on the call.
- The next call is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8th @ 4pm ET/3pm CT/2pm MT/1pm PT.

March 13, 2018

- LBAM Economic Assessment is being worked on to provide options to the Program.
  - A treat and ship protocol is being developed which includes materials on CDFA’s approved products list.
  - Testing has been conducted in the research nursery and a trial in a real nursery is scheduled for this Spring. Counties wanting more information or wanting to participate should conduct Greg Simmons, PPQ-Salinas.
- Elsewhere in California, commodity inspections have started, the nursery inspections continue.
- San Luis Obispo County has had a few small quarantine expansions.
- Monterey County reported a slow start to the season.
- Sonoma County reported that regular nursery inspections continue as scheduled.
- California Strawberry Commission mentioned that they had hosted a meeting with Rick McKay, PPQ-California and growers/distributors for the purpose of reviewing the new compliance agreement and answering questions. They also reported that there is a slight delay in harvesting due to recent rains.
- There were no LBAM detected in Oregon in 2017. Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) stated that there were no plans for mating disruption aerial treatments in 2018 as they can interfere with the delimitation trapping. ODA ran light traps last years and will run them again this year. Light traps are effective in surveys for female moths, unlike the normal trapping program which only collects males.

- There were 19 participants on the call.
- The next call is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2018 @ 1pm PT/2pm MT/3pm CT/4pm ET.