Revised Finding of No Significant Impact for

Quarantine and Interstate Movement of Citrus Greening and Asian Citrus Psyllid August 2012

This revised finding of no significant impact (FONSI) was prepared due to movement restrictions and sanitation measures imposed on applicable grove owners, harvesters, transporters, packinghouses or processors in areas where citrus greening (CG) has been identified, resulting in a quarantine. The environmental assessment (EA) and associated analysis prepared in 2009 is still applicable, and this revision explains how the proposed changes result in no significant impact to the environment.

In July 2009, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), prepared an EA that analyzed potential environmental consequences of proposed actions related to the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) and CG quarantine and interstate movement regulations. The EA and FONSI are available at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant health/ea/citrusgreening.shtml.

The EA addressed the potential environmental impacts of proposed ACP and CG safeguard measures related to interstate movement and quarantine of regulated articles, primarily in nursery stock. A recently published Federal Order (FO) regarding movement restrictions for CG regulated articles in Texas, also prescribes sanitation and safeguard measures for moving regulated articles associated with commercial citrus production from quarantined areas. The FO is available at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant health/plant pest info/citrus greening/regs.shtml. Measures prescribed in the FO are related to compliance agreements and handling of regulated materials that are within a CG quarantine area by various entities involved in commercial citrus production. The regulated materials have been previously defined in earlier ACP/CG Federal Orders. Following a review of the proposed actions in the FO, APHIS has determined that no significant impacts to human health and the environment are anticipated for the area defined in the recent FO, or in other areas defined in the 2009 EA where a CG quarantine may be established.

An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared if implementation of the proposed action may significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Based on the above information, I have determined that the proposed change will not impact the quality of the human environment; therefore, no EIS needs to be prepared.

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