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### **CITY OF REDLANDS**

# CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

# Regular Meeting of September 11, 2018

## **MINUTES**

# 1. Call to order at 4:05 pm - Attendance

Present: Bill Oesterlein Absent: Peter Buoye, Chair

Libb Cook Michael Day

Jack Steward Rolland Moore

QOL Staff: Zach LaBonte

Erik Reeves

Jocelynn Santa Cruz

Council Liaison: John James, Councilmember

Farming/Packing companies: Chuck Hills

Guests: Dennis Bell

#### 2. Public comments:

Dennis commented that the City needs \$80M for the sewer treatment plant.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

#### 4. Status Reports

#### A. Packinghouse report:

Chuck provided the following update: The val's were finished harvesting early this year and no movement on the star gf due to possible issues with Sunkist.

#### B. Farming report:

Chuck reported the following update: The second ACP spray of the year was recently completed. Gibb spraying should start in mid-October. The Mt. View grove needs to be thinned by cutting out every other tree (Rio's), and the hot weather in July resulted in more irrigation and weed growth.

# C. Quality of Life report:

Zach provided the following update: 70 trees at the Lugonia grove need to be removed for Edison towers. The City will be compensated approximately \$21K for lost fruit production. Jocelynn will be interim administrative staff since Andy Ortiz is no longer with the City, and Zach provided copies of the latest grove receipts from Villa Park.

### D. Individual Commissioner Reports:

Jack suggested the City sell some of the groves, especially in light of higher costs and the loss of farm management companies in the area. It was also noted that the contract with Larry Jacinto farming ends this year. The last contract was in 2012, with amendments in 2015 and 2016. Councilmember James also mentioned that the city is facing higher PERS costs and tighter budgets. He stated that the groves must be profitable to continue.

# E. 10 year citrus plan:

Update to be provided at the next meeting.

#### 5. Old Business

# A. Citrus fence update:

Contracts have been approved by the city council and work should start in the next three weeks.

#### 6. New Business

#### A. Grove purchase considerations:

The city decided against pursuing the 10 acre Jacinto property on King St. because it is not in the city limits.

# 7. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting

# 8. 4:45 pm - Adjournment to regular meeting October 9, 2018

submitted by Bill Oesterlein, commission secretary