

**CITY OF REDLANDS
CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting of January 10, 2023
MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 4:03 pm - Attendance

Present: Michael Day, Chair
Roger Hardy
Thomas Lanza
Rollie Moore
Heather Ross

City Council: Jenna Guzman Lowery

FCS Staff: Kathleen Giorgianni, Zach LaBonte

Farming/Packing companies: John Gless

Guests: Dennis Bell, Iris Chu, Richard O'Donnell, Maggie O'Neill

2. Public Comments: No public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes: Approved

Approval of November 8, 2022 meeting motioned by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Lanza. Roll Call vote passed

4. Presentation

Presentation by Maggie O'Neill, of San Bernardino County Farm Bureau, will present regarding resources available to small growers
Request Farm Bureau link added to City of Redlands website as well as a list of resources of providers for bud fruit and research projects.

5. Status Reports

- A. *Packinghouse report:* Villa Park has picked all non-job fruit.
- B. *Farming Report:* Should be a good year. Central Valley is getting flooded out due to rain.
- C. *Facilities & Community Services report:* 3rd position filled. Bid for replanting going to Council February 7, 2023 (rescheduled again). Vacant tree count: approx. 300 vacancies (excluding Mountain View).
- D. *Individual Commissioner Reports:*

6. Old Business

- A. Report from subcommittee for items related to private commercial groves.
Tabled until further discussion on #5.B.
- B. Discussion and possible Action related to request from Neil Watson regarding grove at 1855 River Bend Drive, Redlands.
 - a. City staff to follow up on October 11, 2022 meeting request to provide average per acre farming cost less picking and packing cost. Cost/acre (expenses spraying, labor, packinghouse charges, parts): \$3453/acre. What is packinghouse charges?
- C. Discussion and possible action related to options to provide homeowners with maintenance support, including systematic pest control.
 - a. Refer to Farm Bureau and Master Gardeners
 - b. Work with Sandra Zwaal for community outreach

7. **New Business**
 - A. Community Outreach Programs – 4 times/year. Commissioner Day to work with City, Farm Bureau to coordinate.
8. **Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
9. **5:30 pm – Adjournment to February 14, 2023 meeting at Council Chambers.**