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SUPPORT FOR EFFECTIVE & TIMELY COMMUNICATION

The Southern Plant Board recognizes the need for clear and timely communication is imperative for the development of programs and policies which further the safeguarding of agriculture in the United States. Communication is essential between federal and state governments and other cooperators. Risk associated with the lack of clear notifications regarding pests of concern to states, whether they are of federal or state concerns; jeopardize agricultural industries throughout the nation. The lack of communication regarding funding issues for programs leaves many states unable to appropriately plan, staff, and complete programs which have been identified by state, tribal, or federal partners as important to Agriculture. Timely notifications of pest introductions, funding shortfalls, and program management changes will strengthen the commitment to the Strategic Alliance Document 2014 pledged by USDA APHIS PPQ and NPB members in promoting a partnership to safeguard plant health and safe trade within the United States.

WHEREAS Communication is essential for the success of a working partnership and

WHEREAS Timely notification of federal funding awards or shortfalls will allow states to successfully plan and implement their programs.

RESOLVED by the membership of the Southern Plant Board at its annual meeting in Richmond, Virginia on April 29th, 2015, that APHIS needs to commit to:

- Clear and timely communication with SPROs and SPHDs regarding identification of pest concerns which have potential of entering their state;
- Timely communication regarding funding as it affects planning, hiring, and implementation of successful detection and protection of agriculture;
- Promoting the Strategic Alliance Document to work together and utilize federal and state authorities, assets, and expertise to safeguard plant health and enable safe trade.

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