



# Southern Plant Board

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## *SOUTHERN PLANT BOARD MEETING* *April 19-22, 2009* *Greenville, South Carolina*

### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 4**

#### **SUPPORT OF THE CITRUS HEALTH RESPONSE PROGRAM (CHRP)**

The Citrus Health Response Program (CHRP) is an umbrella program designed to protect U.S. citrus production from harmful insect and disease threats. The development and initiation of the CHRP in 2006 came out of the necessity in Florida to develop ongoing citrus canker and citrus greening management strategies when it was determined that the eradication of the organisms associated with the diseases could not be eradicated.

Subsequent to the detection in Florida of the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), the primary vector for citrus greening disease, this pest has been found in other coastal Southeastern states that have limited citrus production. In addition, citrus greening has been detected on two properties; one in Louisiana and one in South Carolina. The major citrus production areas of Texas are considered infested with ACP, as is Southern California at the Mexican border.

The CHRP is now relevant to all citrus-producing states as steps are being taken to address ACP populations and ultimately exclude or manage citrus canker and citrus greening.

Beyond citrus canker and ACP/citrus greening concerns, it is important to have ongoing surveys in place in all citrus-producing states as an early detection tool for exotic citrus pests and diseases that pose additional threats equal to or greater than citrus canker and ACP/citrus greening.

The citrus producing states are working closely together out of the necessity to effectively and efficiently share information and pool resources to control these unwanted citrus pest threats. The CHRP is an excellent means whereby to address these citrus pest challenges that ultimately affect all U.S. citrus production. The key industry representatives and regulatory officials from California, Florida and Texas have worked cooperatively to develop a national unified approach designed to safeguard U.S. citrus production from these unwanted pest and disease threats that is worthy of strong support.

**RESOLVED** that Southern Plant Board at its annual meeting in Greenville, South Carolina on April 22, 2009, strongly supports the CHRP activities and respectfully requests for the USDA, APHIS, PPQ to continue to fully participate and support this important program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the USDA, APHIS, PPQ expedite pending regulatory/phytosanitary rules that would allow the interstate movement of citrus nursery stock and citrus fruit under suitable safeguards that are science-based.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Southern Plant Board fully supports funding for this program and urges the President and Congress to appropriate funds for the CHRP in the 2010 Federal fiscal year budget for this critical program.

Motion to adopt: Shasank Nillakhe, TX  
Seconded by: Sancho Dickinson, OK

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