

**California Forest Pest Council
Disease Committee 2004 Annual Meeting
Heidrick Ag History Center - Woodland, CA
November 9, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am with Bill Woodruff (Chair) presiding and Tom Smith (secretary) assisting. Bill welcomed all to the meeting and acknowledged this year's sponsors. He then presented a PowerPoint recap of the annual Insect and Committees' field meeting on the Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument on Aug. 25. Excellent and informative presentations followed.

- ❑ **Julie Lydick** (Director, USDA-FS, Forest Health Protection, Vallejo) presented a comprehensive update on *What's happening in USDA-FS, Forest Health Protection*. She updated the group on current and upcoming programs and personnel changes.
- ❑ **John Kliejunas** (Plant Pathologist, USDA-FS, Forest Health Protection, Vallejo) discussed the *Oak decline investigations in Mexico – a cooperative effort*. He and a group of US and Mexican plant pathologists are currently conducting this study.
- ❑ **Det Vogler** (Plant Pathologist, USDA-FS, Institute of Forest Genetics, Pacific Southwest Research Station, Placerville) presented *Highlights of results for blister rust on Colorado limber and bristlecone pine: Inoculation conditions, host phenology, and suggestions for screening high-elevation white pines*. His presentation included lots of exceptional close-up pictures of rust on hosts.
- ❑ **Tom Smith** (Plant Pathologist, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Davis) gave an interesting summary of his PhD Dissertation: *Pathogens and plant community structure in a Sierra mixed-conifer old-growth forest*.
- ❑ **John Pronos** (Plant Pathologist, USDA-FS, Forest Health Protection, Sonora) Presented an up-to-date overview of the *National Tree Failure Database*. He has been a leader in this effort for many years. This Database has now become international.
- ❑ **Joan Dunlap** (Program Manager, USDA-FS Sugar Pine Blister Rust Program, Placerville) introduced the *2004 High elevation five-needle pine and white pine blister rust survey in California* which she organized. She introduced the following two speakers who have been working on this project:
- ❑ **Patricia Maloney** (Scientist, UC Davis) summarized her *2004 field work surveying for white pine blister rust on high elevation pines in central and southern California*. Her surveys will continue through the 2005 field season.
- ❑ **Dan Duriscoe** (Scientist, National Park Service, Death Valley) summarized his *Field work surveying for white pine blister rust on high elevation pines throughout California over several years*. His presentation included a slide tour of many beautiful alpine locations where five-needle pines grow in California.

A business meeting followed. No resolutions were proposed.

Election of officers resulted in:

- ❑ **Bill Woodruff** (USDA Forest Health Protection Plant Pathologist) being re-elected for an eighth year as chair of the Disease Committee.
- ❑ **Tom Smith** (CDF Plant Pathologist) being elected for a second year as secretary of the Disease Committee.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 noon.