

Almond Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: 12th January 2018

Attendance: Ross Skinner, Ben Brown, Domenic Cavallaro, Paul Martin, Claude Gauchat (Chair), Corrine Jasper (Hort Innovation), Brenda Kranz (Hort Innovation), Ashley Zamek (Hort Innovation), Neil Burgess (Hort innovation).

Location: Teleconference

Next Meeting: 14th March 2018 - Mildura

Overview

The almond Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) met via teleconference on the 12th January to discuss a project variation and two concepts.

An overview of the levy fund financials was provided, along with a 5-year budget projection for the overall R&D program. An update on the progress of both the Integrated Pest and Disease Management project and Advanced Processing of Almonds project was provided to the panel members.

Two concepts were discussed both for an Almond Breeding Program and Pollination. Both concepts were deferred until the face to face meeting to be held in March, to enable further discussion with industry regarding priorities for both Pollination and Breeding going forward.

Anyone seeking further information on Hort Innovation's almond R&D investments should note that a full list of projects, together with an overview of the program financials will be available on the almond fund webpage of the Hort Innovation website.

Next steps

Priority setting for future Pollination projects to be discussed at the March face to face meeting. Discussion on next steps for an Almond Breeding Program.

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