

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
CALIFORNIA ORGANIC PRODUCTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COPAC)**

**Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2007
Sacramento, CA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Blake Alexandre
Larry Hirahara
Steve DeMuri
Lauree Bradley
Sajeemas Pasakdee
Sean Swezey
Stacy Carlsen
Karen Klonsky
Julie Spandow
Pat Kennelly

ALTERNATES MEMBERS

Gary Edwards (Voting Alternate)
Melody Meyer (Voting Alternate)
John Ashby (Voting Alternate)
Myron Cooper
Martin Guerena

INTERESTED PARTIES

Pablo Guzman, CCIA
John Armstrong, CA Gros. Assn
Doug Graham, OFAC
Isaac Nelson, OFAC
M. Treleven

CDFA

Nate Dechoretz
Ray Green
David Carlson
Asif Maan
Carol Roberts

ITEM 1: INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was established, and introductions were made.

In the absence of Ms. Gay Timmons, Chair, Dr. Sean Swezey, Vice-Chair, conducted the meeting.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

“Mr. John Ashby stated this is an actual tightening of the standard, and not a loosening as most media have portrayed”, was added under the member reports to the August 15, 2007 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Blake Alexander moved the minutes be approved as amended. Mr. Ashby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3: CDFA Updates: Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM), Fertilizer, and Fruit Fly

Mr. Asif Maan, Branch Chief of Feed, Fertilizer, Livestock Drugs, and Egg Regulatory Services Branch (FFLDERS), gave an overview presentation of his branch. FFLDERS is comprised of the following programs: Feed & Livestock Drug Inspection, Fertilizer Materials Inspection, Shell Egg Quality Control, and Office Support Staff.

The representative from the Light Brown Apple Moth Program was unable to attend. No update of the program was provided.

Mr. Ray Green stated a different CDFA program would give a presentation at each future meeting.

ITEM 4: ORGANIC PROGRAM REPORTS

Mr. Green and Mr. Dave Carlson gave reports on the Organic Program, which included the following: Revenue History, Graph of Revenue Growth, Complaint Log, and Organic Program Enforcement Activities.

A copy of Revenue History, Revenue Growth, Complaint Log, and Enforcement Activities are attached to these minutes and labeled as EXHIBIT A, B, C, and D respectively.

ITEM 5: COPAC NOMINATIONS APPROVAL

It was explained the committee does not decide the appointments of committee members; however, COPAC can make recommendations to the Secretary. Dr. Swezey stated alternate members who have been supportive by regularly attending meetings should be considered first for appointments as voting members. Appointments are for three years, unless otherwise noted.

Mr. Green explained to the committee both Mr. Hunter Nadler and Ms. Timmons sent correspondence withdrawing their reappointment requests.

The committee recommends removal of Mr. Brian McElroy from all categories except Wholesale Representative.

MOTION: Ms. Lauree Bradley moved to recommend the appointment of Mr. David Will, Mr. Garth Hathcock and Mr. John Foster as Producer Representatives. Mr. Ashby seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Larry Hirahara moved to recommend the appointment of Ms. Melody Meyer as Wholesale Representative and Mr. Brian McElroy as alternate. Mr. Alexandre seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Dr. Swezey moved to recommend the appointment of Mr. Steve DeMuri for two years, Mr. Ashby for three years as Processor Representatives, and Mr. Myron Cooper as alternate. Dr. Sajeemas Pasakdee seconded. Mr. Ashby abstained. The motion passed with one abstention.

MOTION: Dr. Swezey moved to recommend the appointment of Ms. Bradley for Retail Representative. Mr. Gary Edwards seconded. Ms. Bradley abstained. The motion passed with one abstention.

MOTION: Mr. Hirahara moved to recommend Ms. Julie Spadow for three years, Mr. Aaron Turner for two years as Consumer Representatives and Mr. Jack Young, Alternate. Mr. Alexandre seconded. Ms. Spadow abstained. The motion passed with one abstention.

ITEM 6. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CDPH) REPORT

Mr. Pat Kennelly reported CDPH received ten complaints last year. They also have some issues in cosmetics. An employee of a Leafy Green Processor has tested positive for Shigella, and three others are being tested. The FDA and CDPH are moving forward with research on food safety as it relates to salad products. They have conducted several surveys and will be conducting more to evaluate the success of the current industry practices.

ITEM 7. MEMBERS REPORTS

Ms. Melody Meyer and Mr. John Ashby discussed a Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) free report and gave a website address.

ITEM 8. MEMBERS DISCUSSION ITEMS: POSITIVE PRESS, GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMO'S), FARM BILL, SCIENTIFIC CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS', SUSTAINABLE STANDARDS, AND EPA CHANGE OF LIST 4.

Ms. Meyers provided two handouts regarding GMOs. Mr. Ashby stated he thinks this will be the big issue of 2008. It is impossible to keep GMO's completely out of organic products. The Non-GMO Project is discussing the non-GMO verified label.

Mr. DeMuri reported he will attend the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) meeting the end of the month. He stated there was a lack of comments during the public comment period, and he would like to receive some, especially regarding the sunset clause. The committee would like a report on the NOSB meeting at each COPAC meeting, and included it on the agenda.

Ms. Meyer reported on the 2007 Farm Bill. She stated there are currently no markups. She stated Senator Harkins wants to limit subsidies. The House and Senate versions will be different. She provided two handouts.

Mr. Green reported Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) is developing a draft standard for sustainable products. Mr. Stacy Carlson will be attending a stakeholders meeting and will report at the next COPAC. The committee requested the report be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

As Ms. Timmons was absent, Mr. Ashby addressed the issue of EPA change to List 4. He stated some substances been moved from List 4 to List 3. The EPA evaluation of all List 4 substances is not complete and others may be moved. List 3 is not allowed in organic. CDFA will agree with the determination of the National Organic Program (NOP).

Positive Organic Press - Mr. Ashby asked why the industry was silent about negative results on the pesticide residuals on tests reports. The committee would like Secretary A. G. Kawamura to release a statement to the press regarding the industry. Mr. Nate Dechoretz said the program should submit reports to Public Affairs for approval. Dr. Swezey would like the Secretary on the agenda to address what he would approve. It was also decided COPAC needs a subcommittee to write a release. Mr. Dechoretz said he would explore the issue internally.

ITEM 9: SET MEETING DATES FOR 2008

The meeting dates for 2008 are as follows:

January 24, 2008 at Eco Farms, 1:30pm to 3:30pm
May 7, 2008
July 30, 2008
October 24, 2008

Mr. Green will reserve a block of rooms for the January 24, 2008 meeting at Eco Farms. Dr. Swezey requested Monterey host the summer meeting. Meetings were approved by acclimation.

ITEM 10: NEW BUSINESS

No new business

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMEENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ray Green, Supervisor
California Organic Program
Inspection and Compliance Branch
Inspection Services

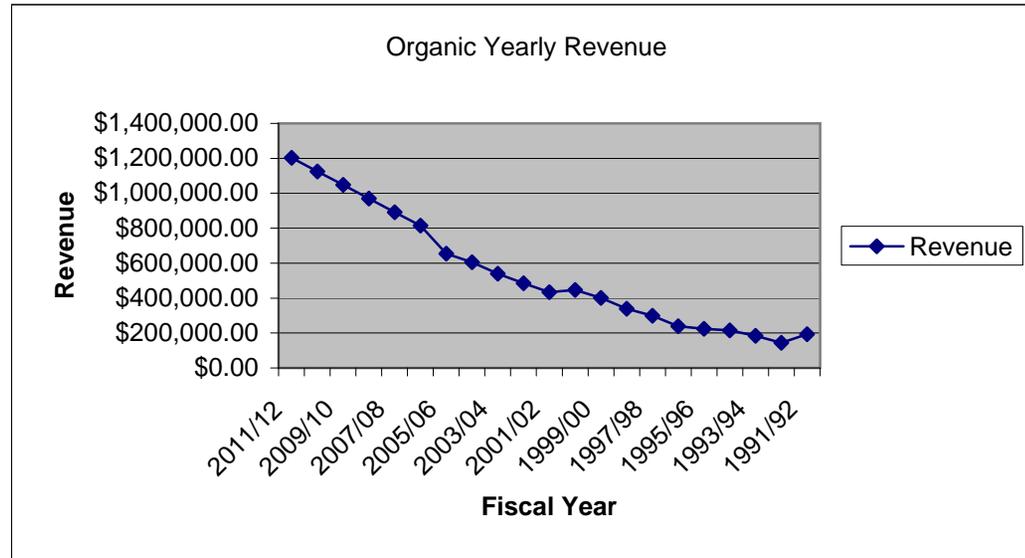
Revenue History
Organic Program Revenue from registrations by month and year:

Fiscal Year	July	August	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total	Projected Increase
2011/12														1,203,201
2010/11														1,125,500
2009/10														1,047,779
2008/09														970,098
2007/08	51,985	65,914	61,989	54,560									234,447	892,098
2006/07	46,461	57,168	57,897	47,474	61,087	59,966	103,670	86,253	81,104	76,115	75,212	61,989	814,397	
2005/06	32,852	39,343	42,662	37,768	47,815	71,678	93,852	72,458	63,557	58,160	43,641	50,775	654,558	
2004/05	34,576	35,788	28,366	43,254	48,329	77,550	77,306	65,274	54,583	56,563	36,227	47,334	605,150	
2003/04	33,043	42,659	36,098	34,441	42,785	64,011	57,045	51,563	47,807	46,945	41,934	41,569	539,900	
2002/03	36,765	29,122	35,448	31,206	30,289	49,412	71,462	62,472	31,798	36,968	34,566	35,508	485,016	
2001/02	30,143	28,672	19,912	24,087	37,670	44,729	76,118	40,109	36,732	29,573	41,208	24,760	433,714	
2000/01	27,060	29,889	28,742	21,563	43,640	49,804	63,351	44,783	45,720	26,429	27,672	38,250	446,905	
1999/00	22,526	23,869	16,693	20,547	34,509	59,557	50,269	30,234	41,024	29,894	45,974	25,110	400,205	
1998/99	16,525	18,709	14,539	14,809	22,533	35,884	76,993	33,772	26,290	23,267	23,546	32,196	339,064	
1997/98	13,894	16,251	17,843	16,827	15,180	39,324	65,617	30,022	24,268	19,793	11,592	28,919	299,530	
1996/97	14,656	11,809	7,628	11,390	13,714	37,654	52,142	22,680	20,561	13,555	11,209	21,007	238,003	
1995/96	7,001	15,117	8,568	9,152	17,263	33,826	59,630	29,776	17,357	11,750	8,413	6,412	224,265	
1994/95	13,286	9,643	6,882	7,608	18,913	45,430	49,026	20,402	14,903	7,616	10,067	10,891	214,667	
1993/94	9,834	9,613	3,979	6,758	12,703	33,361	42,882	22,364	15,471	5,548	9,931	11,577	184,021	
1992/93	3,174	3,863	2,897	2,859	2,053	14,533	54,253	25,498	11,401	6,775	4,136	12,298	143,739	
1991/92				938	6,438	11,338	47,478	89,611	23,702	6,300	2,055	5,592	193,451	

5 Year average increase to registration is \$77,701. Projected Growth to program income over next five years.

EXHIBIT B

Fiscal Year	Revenue
2011/12	\$1,203,201.00
2010/11	\$1,125,500.00
2009/10	\$1,047,779.00
2008/09	\$970,098.00
2007/08	\$892,098.00
2006/07	\$814,396.94
2005/06	\$654,558.16
2004/05	\$605,149.60
2003/04	\$539,899.54
2002/03	\$485,015.64
2001/02	\$433,714.30
2000/01	\$446,905.18
1999/00	\$400,205.44
1998/99	\$339,063.99
1997/98	\$299,529.62
1996/97	\$238,003.42
1995/96	\$224,265.34
1994/95	\$214,667.34
1993/94	\$184,021.39
1992/93	\$143,738.93
1991/92	\$193,451.27



July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 Complaint Log

Complaint Number	Complaint Received From	Summary of Allegation	Referred to for resolution or investigation	Source; Competitor, Consumer, ACA, USDA	CDFA resolution	Date complaint resolved
0607-1	Joe Enos	Alleges Dairy used non-compliant fertilizer	County	Neighbor	Pending	N/A
0707-2	Patrick Kennelly	Coffee roaster using signs advertising organic coffee	County	DHS	Removed Signs	7/15/2007
0707-3	CCOF	Grocery store ad states organic Beef	County	CCOF	Changed Ad	7/20/2007
0707-4	Jennifer	Grower at farmers market selling product as organic not organic	County	County	State Issued NOV	7/29/2007
0707-5	CCOF	farmers market selling product as organic not organic	county	CCOF	Recommended Barrier between organic and non organic product	7/11/2007
0708-6	Bill Bent	Farmer using prohibited substances	County	Ex-Manager	Investigating	N/A
0710-7	Bill Bent	Organic grapes show no certifier	State	Frances Mary Pavich	Investigating	N/A

Organic Program Enforcement Activities

Exhibit D

Date	Action Taken by County or State	Name of Operation	Registration Number	Type of Action: NOV. Penalty.	Retailer	Handler	Production	Farmers Market	Summary of Event	Correction	Date of Correction	Name of Enforcement Officer
6/22/2007	Fresno	Nonini-Jordan Farms	10-0195	Spot			X		Compliant		N/A	Eileen Brooks
6/29/2007	Fresno	Vons		Spot	N. Flower Clovis				Compliant		N/A	Eileen Brooks
3/12/2007	Humbolt	Peterson Dairy	12-0124	Spot			X		Compliant		N/A	Bruce Bryan
4/20/2007	Humbolt	Avelar Bros. Dairy	12-0180	Spot			X		Compliant		N/A	Bruce Bryan
3/20/2007	Humbolt	Blue Jay Nursey	12-0127	Spot			X		Compliant		N/A	Bruce Bryan
3/3/2007	Humbolt	North Coast Co-op		Spot	I St. Arcata				Compliant		N/A	Bruce Bryan
6/6/2007	Kern	Johnas Orchard Organic	15-0033	Spot			X		Compliant		N/A	B. Hunter
6/6/2007	Kern	Cay Health Foods		Spot	18th st. Bakersfield				Compliant		N/A	B. Hunter
6/6/2007	Kern	Appletree Health Foods		Spot	N. Chester Bakersfield				Compliant		N/A	B. Hunter
6/7/2007	Kern	Cones Health Foods	15-0130	Spot	Wible Rd. Bakersfield				Compliant		N/A	B. Hunter
5/26/2007	Lake	Doug Ferrell	17-0141	Spot			X		Compliant		N/A	Dana Thibeau
5/21/2007	Lake	Ray Tisell	17-0161	Spot			X		Compliant		N/A	Dana Thibeau
5/17/2007	Lake	Miles Turner	17-0175	Spot			X		Compliant		N/A	Dana Thibeau
5/17/2007	Los Angeles	Trader Joe's		Spot	Mission St. South Pasadena				Compliant		N/A	Paul Galletta

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5/11/2007	Los Angeles	Chino Valley Ranches	19-1087	Spot		X			Compliant		N/A	Huy Vuong
5/12/2007	Los Angeles	Whole Foods Market		Spot	Riverside Dr. Sherman Oaks				Compliant		N/A	Robert Orsburn
6/28/2007	Los Angeles	Trader Joe's		Spot	E. Pacific Coast Hwy. Long Beach				Compliant		N/A	Charles Wait
4/27/2007	Los Angeles	Whole Foods Market # 20		Spot	Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood				Compliant		N/A	Charles Wait
6/14/2007	Los Angeles	Johnas Orchard Organic	15-0033	Spot				X	Compliant		N/A	M. Mohammond
6/9/2007	Los Angeles	Ha Apple Farm	15-0114	Spot				X	Compliant		N/A	Pye Nyein
6/14/2007	Los Angeles	Eugene Etlerridge	54-0125	Spot				X	Compliant		N/A	M. Mohammond
6/14/2007	Los Angeles	Sycamore Hill Ranch	56-1071	Spot				X	Compliant		N/A	M. Mohammond
5/17/2007	Los Angeles	Melissa's World Variety	19-1006	Spot		X			Compliant		N/A	L. Sachdev
5/9/2007	Action taken by County, or CDFAs	Name of operation	Reg Number	Type of Action: NOV. Spot Insp. Penalty	Retailer	Handler	Production	Farmers Market	Summary of Event	Corrected	Date of Correction	Name of Enforcement Officer
5/14/2007	Los Angeles	MCL Distributing	19-1145	Spot		X			Compliant		N/A	L. Sachdev
6/24/2007	Los Angeles	Smith Farms	30-1005	Spot				X	Compliant		N/A	L. Sachdev

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5/8/2007	Los Angeles	Malibu Farms	19-1063	Spot			X		Compliant		N/A	Robert Orsburn
12/4/2006	Marin	Fresh Run Farms	12/4/2006	NOV			X		Raw manure used/Harvested product prior to 120 day requirement	He has corrected the non-compliance	2/8/2007	Susan Ventura
3/22/2007	Marin	Draper Farm	21-6700	Spot			X		Compliant		N/A	Jeffery Stiles
4/12/2007	Marin	Marin County Farmers Market		Spot				X	Compliant		N/A	Susan Ventura
6/14/2007	Marin	Safeway Cow Girl Creamery	21-0048	Spot		Diablo Ave. Novato			Compliant		N/A	Anita Sauber
3/8/2007	Marin	Toby's Feed Store		Spot		St. Route 1 Pt. Reyes			Compliant		N/A	Anita Sauber
6/14/2007	Mendocino	Covelo Organics		Spot				X	Compliant		N/A	Tony Linegar
Date	Action Taken by County, or CDFA	Name of Operation	Registration #	Type of Action: NOV Penalty	Retailer	Handler	Production	Farmers Market	Summary of Event	Corrected	Date of Correction	Name of Enforcement Officer
6/25/2007	Mendocino	Brock Farms	23-0056	Spot			X		Compliant		N/A	Dianne Curry
6/27/2007	Mendocino	Tournour Vineyards	23-0268	Spot			X		Organic Reg # not on sales records	Will add to sales records	6/27/2007	Andrea Hardy
3/20/2007	Monterey	Jal Berry Farm	27-0484	Spot			X		Compliant		N/A	Toni Rice

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3/22/2007	Monterey	Rodriguez Frams	27-0236	Spot			X		Compliant		N/A	Toni Rice
4/30/2007	Monterey	La Milpa Organic Farms	27-0493	Spot			X		Compliant		N/A	Toni Rice
4/30/2007	Monterey	Rio De Parras Farms	27-0496	Spot			X		Compliant		N/A	Toni Rice
4/30/2007	Monterey	D. Martinez Organic Farm	27-0500	Spot			X		Compliant		N/A	Toni Rice
4/24/2007	Monterey	Sancen Organic Farms	27-0490	Spot			X		Compliant		N/A	Toni Rice