



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

January 12, 2015

TO: CALIFORNIA ORGANIC PRODUCTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COPAC)
INTERESTED PARTIES

A meeting of the California Organic Products Advisory Committee has been scheduled.
Enclosed is the agenda.

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2015
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Asilomar Conference Grounds, Toyon Room
800 Asilomar Blvd.
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

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arrangements, please contact Laurel Rudolph in the Sacramento Headquarters' Office at the
number listed below.

Please find the enclosed agenda. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please
contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

Danny Lee
Supervising Special Investigator
State Organic Program

Enclosures

cc: Gary Leslie, County/State Liaison



**California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
California Organic Products Advisory Committee (COPAC) Meeting**

**Thursday, January 22, 2015
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Asilomar Conference Grounds, Toyon Room
800 Asilomar Blvd.
Pacific Grove, CA 93950**

1. Introductions
2. Public Comments
3. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. May 7, 2014- Attachment A
 - b. June 4, 2014- Attachment B
 - c. September 24, 2014– Attachment C
4. California Department of Public Health Update – Patrick Kennelly
5. State Organic Program Update
 - i. Vacancies and Terms
 - ii. Revenue from Registration – Attachment D
 - iii. New Registrations – Attachment E
 - iv. Complaints – Attachment F
 - v. Appeals – Attachment G
 - vi. Residue Analysis – Attachment H
6. Review of Committee Rules and Procedures
 - i. 2.1 Regular Meetings
7. Organic Research and Promotion Order – Melody Meyer
8. State Organic Program Educational Materials for the Public
9. New Items
10. Next Meeting/Agenda Items
11. Adjournment

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Sampling Fiscal Year 2014/2015

| DATE | Sample Form Number | WHO SAMPLED | COUNTY WHERE SAMPLED | PRODUCER | HANDLER | RETAIL | CFM | Wholesale | Chain | OTHER | COMMODITY | SUBSTANCE DETECTED/ ALLOWABLE (Y/N) | AMOUNT DETECTED | EPA TOLERANCE | ABOVE 5% OF EPA TOLERANCE & IN VIOLATION | COMMENTS |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------|---------|--------|-----|-----------|-------|-------|-------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7/11/2014 | R14O00108 | San Diego | San Diego | | | x | | | | | Apple | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 7/26/2014 | R14O00109 | San Joaquin | San Joaquin | | | | x | | | | Carrots | DDE_p,p ¹ /No | .032 ppm | 3.0 ppm | No | Results forwarded to Operation's certifier |
| 8/6/2014 | R14O00111 | Glenn | Glenn | x | | | | | | | Oranges | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/9/2014 | R14O00112 | Sonoma | Sonoma | | | | x | | | | Snap Peas | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/9/2014 | R14O00113 | Sonoma | Sonoma | | | | x | | | | Grapes | Boscalid/No Pyraclostrobin | 0.16 ppm 0.047 ppm | 5.0 ppm 2.0 ppm | No No | Results forwarded to Operation's certifier |
| 8/12/2014 | R14O00114 | San Diego | San Diego | | | | x | | | | Nectarines | Spinosad A/Yes | 0.018 ppm | 0.20 ppm | N/A | Allowable substance |
| 8/13/2014 | R14O00115 | Fresno | Fresno | x | | | | | | | Squash (zucchini) | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/14/2014 | R14O00116 | San Diego | San Diego | | | | x | | | | Bell Peppers | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/14/2014 | R14O00117 | San Joaquin | San Joaquin | | | | x | | | | Potato | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/18/2014 | R14O00118 | San Diego | San Diego | | | | x | | | | Grapes | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/18/2014 | R14O00119 | San Diego | San Diego | | | | x | | | | Bell Peppers | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/18/2014 | R14O00120 | Glenn | Glenn | | | | x | | | | Grapes | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/19/2014 | R14O00121 | Fresno | Fresno | x | | | | | | | Almonds | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/20/2014 | R14O00122 | Fresno | Fresno | x | | | | | | | Grapes | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/7/2014 | R14O00123 | Mendocino | Mendocino | x | | | | | | | Olives | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/21/2014 | R14O00124 | Fresno | Fresno | x | | | | | | | Grapes | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/25/2014 | R14O00125 | Glenn | Glenn | | | | x | | | | Apples | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/22/2014 | R14O00126 | Napa | Napa | | | | x | | | | Tomatoes | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/23/2014 | R14O00127 | Napa | Napa | | | | x | | | | Cucumbers | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/23/2014 | R14O00128 | Napa | Napa | | | | x | | | | Peppers | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/22/2014 | R14O00129 | Napa | Napa | | | | x | | | | Squash (zucchini) | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/27/2014 | R14O00130 | Sutter | Sutter | | | | | | | x | Prunes | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | Collected from packing shed |
| 8/27/2014 | R14O00131 | Fresno | Fresno | x | | | | | | | Grapes (Raisin) | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/27/2014 | R14O00132 | San Diego | San Diego | | | | x | | | | Pears | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/23/2014 | R14O00133 | Lake | Lake | | | | x | | | | Squash | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/23/2014 | R14O00134 | Lake | Lake | | | | x | | | | Celery | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| 8/13/2014 | R14O00135 | Sonoma | Sonoma | | | | | x | | | Tea | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | Sample collected for CDPH investigation |
| 8/13/2014 | R14O00136 | Sonoma | Sonoma | | | | | x | | | Tea | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | Sample collected for CDPH investigation |
| 8/13/2014 | R14O00137 | Sonoma | Sonoma | | | | | x | | | Tea | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | Sample collected for CDPH investigation |
| 8/13/2014 | R14O00138 | Sonoma | Sonoma | | | | | x | | | Tea | Carbendazim Metalaxyl | 0.012 ppm 0.006 ppm | N/A N/A | N/A N/A | Samples collected as part of ongoing CDPH investigation. Processed Tea analysis not |
| 8/14/2014 | R14O00139 | Alameda | Alameda | | | | | x | | | Tea | Imidacloprid Indoxacarb | 0.011 ppm 0.008 ppm | N/A N/A | N/A N/A | Samples collected as part of ongoing CDPH investigation. Processed Tea analysis not |
| 8/14/2014 | R14O00140 | Alameda | Alameda | | | | | x | | | Tea | Imidacloprid | 0.012 ppm | N/A | N/A | Samples collected as part of ongoing CDPH investigation. Processed Tea analysis not part of approved NOP method; tolerance can not be established |
| 8/14/2014 | R14O00141 | Alameda | Alameda | | | | | x | | | Tea | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | Sample collected for CDPH investigation |
| 8/14/2014 | R14O00142 | Alameda | Alameda | | | | | x | | | Tea | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | Sample collected for CDPH investigation |
| 8/14/2014 | R14O0043 | Alameda | Alameda | | | | | x | | | Tea | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | Sample collected for CDPH investigation |
| 8/14/2014 | R14O00144 | Alameda | Alameda | | | | | x | | | Tea | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | Sample collected for CDPH investigation |
| 8/14/2014 | R14O00145 | Alameda | Alameda | | | | | x | | | Tea | None | N/A | N/A | N/A | Sample collected for CDPH investigation |
| 8/15/2014 | R14O00146 | Los Angeles | Los Angeles | | | | | x | | | Tea | Acetamiprid Indoxacarb | 0.005 ppm 0.032 ppm | N/A N/A | N/A N/A | Samples collected as part of ongoing CDPH investigation. Processed Tea analysis not |

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State Organic Program

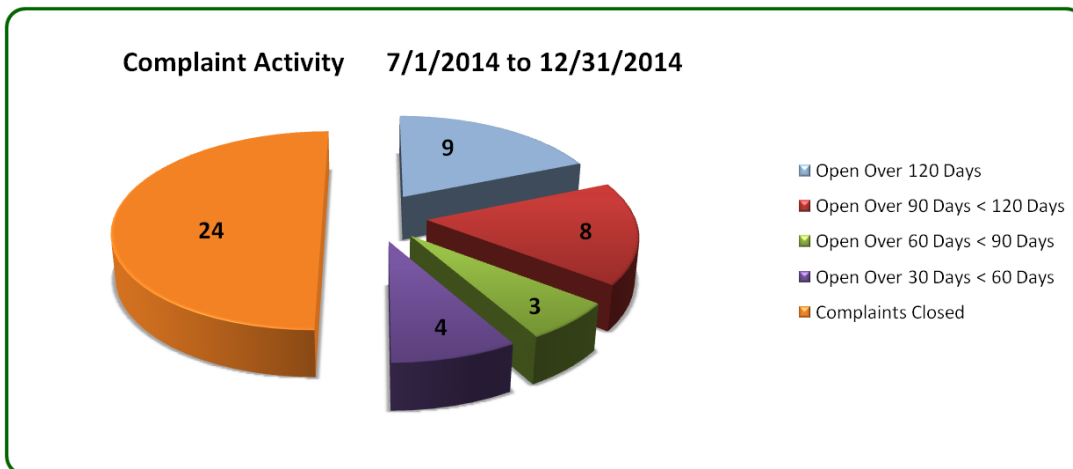
APPEALS STATUS REPORT
Fiscal Year Report
2014/2015

As of: December 31, 2014

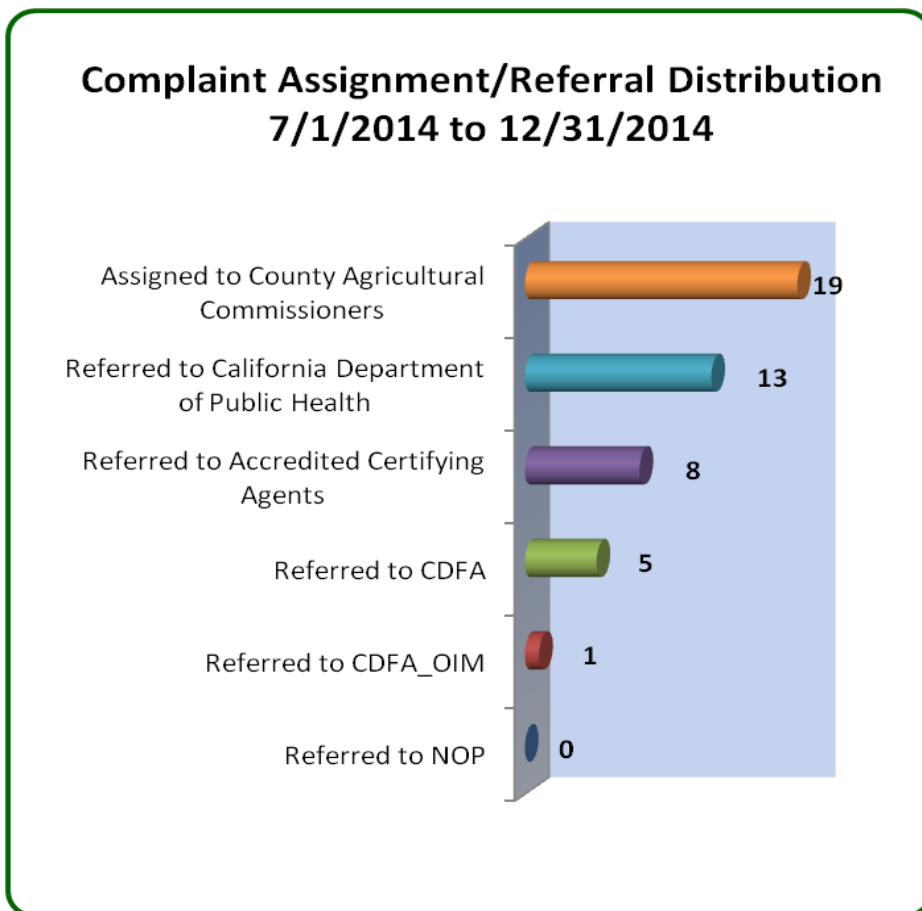
| Report Categories | Number |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Appeals Logged | 2 |
| Total Active Appeals | 1 |
| Appeals Resolved | 1 |
| | |
| Active Appeals Over 120 days | 0 |

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| Active appeals referred to DOJ | 0 |
| Active appeals being reviewed by CDFA | 0 |

California Department of Food and Agriculture
 California State Organic Program
 Complaint Activity Report



*** NOTE: Three additional complaints closed as invalid.**



General complaint categories from most complaints to least:

1. False claims
2. Misbranding/misrepresentation of products
3. Improper labeling of organic contents. Failure to identify organic status and origin.
4. Not registered or certified. Product organic status in question.
5. Pesticides; excessive or prohibited substances detected.

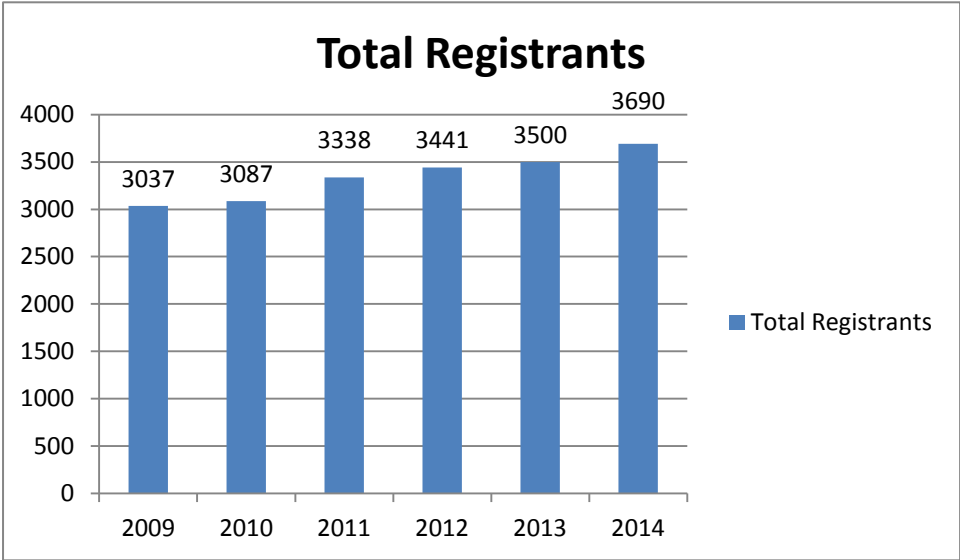
| CDFA State Organic Program Fiscal Year 2013/2014 | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Month | Total Number of New Registrations |
| Jul-13 | 46 |
| Aug-13 | 50 |
| Sep-13 | 28 |
| Oct-13 | 27 |
| Nov-13 | 17 |
| Dec-13 | 16 |
| Jan-14 | 30 |
| Feb-14 | 46 |
| Mar-14 | 36 |
| Apr-14 | 63 |
| May-14 | 64 |
| Jun-14 | 53 |
| Total | 476 |

| Operation Types | Producer | Handler | Processor | Retailer |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| July | | | | |
| August | | | | |
| September | | | | |
| October | | | | |
| November | | | | |
| December | | | | |
| January | | | | |
| February | | | | |
| March | | | | |
| April | 52 | 10 | 0 | 1 |
| May | 49 | 10 | 4 | 1 |
| June | 44 | 6 | 1 | 2 |
| Total | 145 | 26 | 5 | 4 |

| CDFA State Organic Program Fiscal Year 2014/2015 (6 mos.) | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Month | Total Number of New Registrations |
| Jul-14 | 38 |
| Aug-14 | 35 |
| Sep-14 | 36 |
| Oct-14 | 40 |
| Nov-14 | 34 |
| Dec-14 | 24 |
| Total | 207 |

| Operation Types | Producer | Handler | Processor | Retailer |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| July | 31 | 7 | 3 | 2 |
| August | 25 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| September | 30 | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| October | 33 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| November | 29 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| December | 22 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 170 | 34 | 12 | 4 |

NOTE: The number of operation types may not match the number of new operations, since operations may fall under more than one type.



CDFA 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 |
|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 2014/15 | 118,537 | 87,910 | 68,703 | 107,510 | 70,599 | 123,838 | | | | | | | | 1,327,323 |
| 2013/14 | 116,227 | 113,259 | 76,144 | 94,975 | 86,258 | 99,268 | 158,648 | 149,191 | 143,174 | 126,670 | 121,451 | 135,606 | 1,420,871 | 1,350,000 |
| 2012/13 | 101,726 | 100,237 | 75,529 | 91,100 | 78,629 | 92,682 | 157,620 | 140,554 | 140,252 | 111,714 | 96,450 | 89,064 | 1,275,556 | 1,200,000 |
| 2011/12 | 121,663 | 108,102 | 75,903 | 69,493 | 73,721 | 87,982 | 145,999 | 127,058 | 91,541 | 134,586 | 86,682 | 98,183 | 1,220,914 | |
| 2010/11 | 70,555 | 82,212 | 104,311 | 62,902 | 66,948 | 99,831 | 136,658 | 91,803 | 119,711 | 93,580 | 102,369 | 92,386 | 1,123,266 | |
| 2009/10 | 72,789 | 79,513 | 67,856 | 63,285 | 55,128 | 96,998 | 120,063 | 93,642 | 74,998 | 90,254 | 55,807 | 83,036 | 953,368 | |
| 2008/09 | 72,876 | 73,911 | 63,563 | 64,835 | 71,398 | 102,695 | 127,727 | 94,913 | 78,774 | 78,316 | 83,492 | 79,279 | 991,777 | |
| 2007/08 | 51,985 | 65,914 | 61,989 | 54,560 | 59,894 | 91,955 | 121,776 | 89,574 | 71,088 | 92,462 | 72,107 | 83,241 | 916,544 | |
| 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 | |



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

Meeting Minutes

2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833

September 24, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Blake Alexandre
Garff Hathcock
David Will
Jenny Lester Moffitt
Bridget Montesanti
Steve DeMuri
Thomas Azwell
Sean Swezey
Stacy Carlsen
Pat Kennelly

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ione Conlan
Melody Mayer
Thomas Chapman
Karen Klonsky
Steve Sherman
Sandra Schmaier
Mindee Jeffery
Patrick Baur

CDFA

Danny Lee
Scott Renteria
Paul Collins
David Carlson
Sarah Cardoni
Laurel Rudolph

INTERESTED PARTIES

Emily Marquez, Pesticide Action Network, North America
Olivier Hirschler, Pesticide Action Network, North America

Only informational reports were discussed. The meeting was not called to order due to a lack of a quorum.

The next meeting will be held on January 22, 2015, in Asilomar.

Respectfully submitted by:

Danny Lee, Supervising Special Investigator
Inspection and Compliance Branch
Inspection Services



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

**June 4, 2014
Meeting Minutes
Teleconference**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Melody Meyer
Patrick Baur
Steven Sherman
Bridget Montesanti
Jenny Lester Moffitt
Sean Swezey
Mindee Jeffery
David Will
Karen Klonsky
Garff Hathcock
Steve DeMuri
Lauree Bradley

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Azwell
Adele Gemignani
Blake Alexandre
Ione Conlan
Thomas Chapman
Sandra Schmaier
Stacy Carlsen
Pat Kennelly

CDFA

Danny Lee
David Carlson
Sarah Cardoni

INTERESTED PARTIES

Steve Beckley, OFAC
Ed Williams, LA County
John Foster, Earthbound Farm

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

The Committee was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by Mr. Steven Sherman, Chairperson. Roll was called, a quorum was established, and self introductions were made.

ITEM 2: MATERIAL REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS (MROs)

Ms. Jenny Lester Moffitt discussed a letter that was drafted by the Committee regarding Material Review Organizations. The letter outlined the efforts that are being made to create a regulatory framework for MROs under the National Organic Program for material review and uniform enforcement.

MOTION: Ms. Melody Meyer moved to adopt the letter to the CDFA Secretary regarding MROs as amended. Ms. Jenny Lester Moffitt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ms. Lauree Bradley abstained. The motion passed by majority vote.

The Chairperson will submit to the CDFA Secretary the letter on behalf of the Committee outlining the Committee's positions on MROs.

ITEM 3: NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM 5: NEXT MEETING

The next COPAC meeting will be held on September 24, 2014, in Sacramento at 10:00 a.m. Agenda items will include CDFA reports.

ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m. by Mr. Sherman, Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted by:

Danny Lee, Supervising Special Investigator
State Organic Program



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

May 7, 2014

Meeting Minutes

2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833

MEMBERS PRESENT

Garff Hathcock
Melody Meyer
Patrick Baur
Steven Sherman
Sandra Schmaier
Bridget Montesanti
Jenny Lester Moffitt
Sean Swezey
Patrick Kennelly
Mindee Jeffery
Thomas Chapman
Ione Conlan
Blake Alexandre
David Will
Karen Klonsky
Stacy Carlsen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lauree Bradley
Thomas Azwell
Steve DeMuri
Adele Gemignani

INTERESTED PARTIES

Debbie Murdock, Calif. egg producer
Alexis Randolph, QAI

CDFA

Steve Patton
Danny Lee
Paul Collins
David Carlson
Scott Renteria
Sarah Cardoni

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

The Committee was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Mr. Steven Sherman, Chairperson. Roll was called, a quorum was established, and self introductions were made.

ITEM 2: REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY 23, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Blake Alexandre moved to approve the January 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Melody Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Mr. Patrick Kennelly provided a California Department of Public Health (CDPH) update. He reported that 2,297 registrants are currently registered with CDPH. Since the last reporting period, CDPH has received 10 complaints. Four complaints were substantiated, three complaints were not substantiated, and three complaints are pending. The natures of the complaints are mostly unregistered, uncertified operations.

ITEM 4: STATE ORGANIC PROGRAM REPORTS

I. Vacancy and Terms

Ms. Sarah Cardoni provided a vacancy report. Vacancies include: six producer alternates; two processor alternates; two technical representative alternates; and two consumer representative alternates. Members whose terms will be expiring October 31, 2015, and are eligible for reappointment are: Mr. Blake Alexandre; Ms. Ione Conlan; Ms. Jenny Lester Moffitt; Mr. Steve DeMuri; Mr. Thomas Azwell; Mr. Patrick Baur; Mr. Sean Swezey; Ms. Karen Klonsky; and Ms. Sandra Schmaier.

II. Revenue from Registration

Mr. Scott Renteria provided an overview of the State Organic Program (SOP) revenue from registration by month and year. The projection is that the program will collect roughly \$1.35 million dollars in revenue from registration by the end of the fiscal year (FY).

III. New Registrations

Mr. Renteria provided an overview of new registrant demographics. From July 2013 through the present time, there have been 296 new registrants. The vast majority of the new registrants are producers, followed by handlers, dairy and livestock, retail operations, and commission merchants, respectively.

IV. Complaints

Mr. Paul Collins provided an overview of the SOP Complaint Report. From March 1, 2013, through April 1, 2014, the SOP received a total of 56 complaints. Currently the SOP is investigating nine complaints. One complaint has been referred to the National Organic Program (NOP); 14 were assigned to County Agricultural Commissioners (CAC); nine were assigned to accredited certifying agents (ACA); and 23 have been referred to the CDPH. Referred complaints remain open with the SOP until the referring agency contacts the SOP with closure to the complaint.

V. Appeals

Mr. Danny Lee provided the SOP Appeals Status Report. These records are from 2007, when the appeals regulations were promulgated until the present. As of April 14, 2014, the SOP has received 11 appeals. All 11 appeals received have been resolved.

VI. Residue Analysis

Mr. Renteria provided the SOP Residue Analysis Report. Since the last reporting period, there have been a total of 121 samples pulled by SOP and county staff. There were prohibited substances detected on 17 of the samples, which are currently being investigated to determine the source of contamination.

VII. State Organic Program Fund Condition

Mr. Lee provided an overview of the SOP fund condition. As of December 31, 2013, the SOP's total resources were \$2.8 million dollars.

VIII. State Organic Program FY 2014/15 Budget

Mr. Lee provided an overview of the SOP FY 2014/15 Proposed Budget and requested that the Committee approve the proposed budget.

MOTION: Mr. Garff Hathcock moved to recommend the CDFA Secretary approve the SOP FY 2014/15 Proposed Budget, as submitted. Ms. Ione Conlan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5: CITRUS GREENING

Mr. Hathcock shared his knowledge of the Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) issue organic citrus farmers are facing. The ACP is a pest that spreads Huanglongbing, a devastating bacterial disease of citrus trees. There are several conventional applications to treat for the ACP. There is one organic treatment available for use; however, it is not being widely used because the conventional products are mandated in the quarantine zones.

ITEM 6: SB 1381 – FOOD LABELING: GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD

The Committee discussed Senate Bill 1381 Food labeling: genetically engineered food introduced by Evans (2013-2014). The CDPH will be responsible for the enforcement piece of this bill. The SOP added that no standards or thresholds have been established by the NOP for Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) testing. GMOs are currently classified as excluded methods under the NOP.

ITEM 7: NEW ITEMS

Mr. Thomas Chapman discussed the Cost Share Program. \$1.4 million dollars has been projected to be allocated to California. The Cost Share application is located on the SOP's website and can be filed online.

Ms. Melody Meyer discussed Material Review Organizations (MROs) and the efforts that are being made to create a regulatory framework for MROs under the NOP for material review and uniform enforcement. The Committee will draft a letter to the CDFA Secretary and will discuss the letter at an upcoming teleconference.

ITEM 8: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM 9: NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held by teleconference on June 4, 2014, to discuss MROs. The next COPAC meeting will be held on September 24, 2014, in Sacramento at 10:00 a.m. Agenda items will include CDFA reports.

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m. by Mr. Sherman, Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted by:

Danny Lee, Supervising Special Investigator
State Organic Program