



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

January 13, 2014

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 23, 2014
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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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: CDFA County/State Liaison Office



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

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1. Introductions
2. Election of Officers (Action Item)
3. Public Comments
4. Review and Approval of September 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes – Attachment A
5. California Department of Public Health Update – Patrick Kennelly
6. State Organic Program Update
 - i. Vacancies and Terms
 - ii. Revenue from Registration – Attachment B
 - iii. New Registrations – Attachment C
 - iv. Complaints – Attachment D
 - v. Appeals – Attachment E
 - vi. Residue Analysis – Attachment F
 - vii. Database Update
7. National Organic Standards Board Update
8. Organic Program Registration – Karen Klonsky
9. New Items
10. Next Meeting/Agenda Items
11. Adjournment

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Sampling Fiscal Year 2013/2014

DATE	Sample Form Number	WHO SAMPLED	COUNTY WHERE SAMPLED	PREPARED	ANALYZED	RETAIL	WHOLESALE	OTHER	COMMODITY	SUBSTANCE DETECTED/ ALLOWABLE (Y/N)	AMOUNT DETECTED	EPA TOLERANCE	ABOVE % of EPA TOLERANCE & IN VIOLATED	COMMENTS
7/16/2013	R13000027	San Diego	San Diego				x		Cucumbers	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
7/25/2013	R13000028	San Joaquin	San Joaquin				x		Tomatoes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
7/25/2013	R13000029	San Joaquin	San Joaquin				x		Artichokes	Ethionazine/No	.064 ppm	1.0 ppm	Yes	Part of an on-going investigation
7/25/2013	R13000030	San Joaquin	San Joaquin				x		Cauliflower	Chlorantraniliprole/No	.092 ppm	4.0 ppm	No	
7/25/2013	R13000031	San Joaquin	San Joaquin				x		Strawberries	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
7/25/2013	R13000032	San Joaquin	San Joaquin				x		Cucumbers	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8/1/2013	R13000033	San Diego	San Diego			x			Strawberries	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8/5/2013	R13000035	San Clara	San Clara			x			Broccoli	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8/8/2013	R13000036	San Joaquin	San Joaquin				x		Cucumbers	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8/8/2013	R13000037	San Joaquin	San Joaquin				x		Peach	Spinosad (A+D)/Yes	.068 ppm	2.0 ppm	N/A	Allowable substance; not in violation
8/8/2013	R13000038	San Joaquin	San Joaquin				x		Pistachio	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8/12/2013	R13000039	Mendocino	Mendocino	x					Pear	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8/19/2013	R13000040	Mendocino	Mendocino	x					Apple	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8/13/2013	R13000041	San Diego	San Diego	x					Tomatoes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8/14/2013	R13000042	San Joaquin	San Joaquin				x		Carrot	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8/14/2013	R13000043	San Joaquin	San Joaquin				x		Beet	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8/14/2013	R13000044	San Diego	San Diego	x					Romaine Lettuce	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8/21/2013	R13000045	Sutter	Sutter	x					Prunes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8/22/2013	R13000046	Sutter	Sutter	x				x	Prunes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sample taken from packing shed
8/15/2013	R13000047	San Benito	San Benito						Artichokes	Propargite/No	.027 ppm	No Tolerance Established	N/A	No Tolerance Established; in violation. Part of an ongoing investigation
9/3/2013	R13000048	San Diego	San Diego			x			Red Leaf Lettuce	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/3/2013	R13000049	San Diego	San Diego			x			Broccoli	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/3/2013	R13000050	San Diego	San Diego			x			Bell Pepper	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/5/2013	R13000051	San Diego	San Diego			x			Apple Gala	Chlorantraniliprole/No	.038 ppm	2.5 ppm	N/A	
										Phosmet/No	.227 ppm	10 ppm	No	Initial residues are not in violation, however, investigation ongoing to source contamination
										Lambda-Cyhalothrin	.01 ppm	2.50 ppm	No	
										Diphacylamins	.016 ppm	10 ppm	No	
9/5/2013	R13000053	Sonoma	Sonoma				x		Asian Pear	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/10/2013	R13000054	Santa Clara	Santa Clara			x			Calisy	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/10/2013	R13000055	Santa Clara	Santa Clara			x			Cauliflower	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/10/2013	R13000056	San Benito	San Benito						Cucumbers	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/10/2013	R13000057	San Benito	San Benito	x					Cucumbers	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/10/2013	R13000058	San Benito	San Benito	x					Melon	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/10/2013	R13000059	San Benito	San Benito	x					Squash	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/10/2013	R13000060	San Benito	San Benito	x					Corn	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/10/2013	R13000061	San Benito	San Benito	x					Corn	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/10/2013	R13000062	San Benito	San Benito	x					Tomatoes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/10/2013	R13000063	San Benito	San Benito	x					Tomatoes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/10/2013	R13000064	San Benito	San Benito	x					Corn	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/11/2013	R13000066	Mendocino	Mendocino	x					Apples	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/11/2013	R13000068	Mendocino	Mendocino	x					Grapes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/11/2013	R13000069	Mendocino	Mendocino	x					Apple	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/11/2013	R13000070	Sonoma	Sonoma			x			Aspib	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/24/2013	R13000071	San Diego	San Diego					x	Red Grapes	Imazetamid/No	.178 ppm	4.0 ppm	No	Sample taken from storage location;
										Myclobutanil/No	.025 ppm	1.0 ppm	No	residues not in violation, however, part of

Date	Sample ID	County	City	Location	Sample Type	Green Grapes	Spinosad A/ Yes Myclobutani/No	Residue Level	Residue Level	Residue Level	Residue Level	Residue Level	Investigation Status
9/24/2013	R13000072	San Diego	San Diego										Sample taken from storage location; residues not in violation, however, part of an ongoing investigation
9/24/2013	R13000073	San Diego	San Diego			x	Spinosad/ Yes Diphenylamine/ No	.50 ppm	1.0 ppm				Sample taken from storage location; residues not in violation, however, part of an ongoing investigation
9/24/2013	R13000074	San Diego	San Diego			x	Trioxystrobin/ No Diphenylamine/ No Flubendiamide/ No	.450 ppm	10 ppm	5.0 ppm	10 ppm	1.5 ppm	Sample taken from storage location; residues of Diphenylamine in violation, and part of an ongoing investigation
9/24/2013	R13000075	San Diego	San Diego			x	Diphenylamine/ No Spirodiclofen/ No	.078 ppm	10 ppm	.019 ppm	.027 ppm	.80 ppm	Sample taken from storage location; residues of Diphenylamine in violation, and part of an ongoing investigation
10/3/2013	R13000076	Mendocino	Mendocino		x	Wine Grapes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/3/2013	R13000077	Mendocino	Mendocino		x	Wine Grapes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/3/2013	R13000078	Mendocino	Mendocino		x	Wine Grapes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/3/2013	R13000079	Mendocino	Mendocino		x	Wine Grapes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/3/2013	R13000080	Mendocino	Mendocino		x	Wine Grapes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/3/2013	R13000081	Mendocino	Mendocino		x	Wine Grapes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/3/2013	R13000082	Mendocino	Mendocino		x	Wine Grapes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/3/2013	R13000083	Mendocino	Mendocino		x	Wine Grapes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/3/2013	R13000084	Mendocino	Mendocino		x	Wine Grapes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/3/2013	R13000085	Mendocino	Mendocino		x	Wine Grapes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/3/2013	R13000086	Mendocino	Mendocino		x	Wine Grapes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/8/2013	R13000087	San Joaquin	San Joaquin		x	Apple	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/8/2013	R13000088	San Joaquin	San Joaquin		x	Apple	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/8/2013	R13000089	San Joaquin	San Joaquin		x	Apple	Diphenylamine/No	.019 ppm	10 ppm				Follow-up sample taken from packing shed; part of ongoing investigation.
10/3/2013	R13000090	Lake	Lake		x	Pear	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/3/2013	R13000091	Lake	Lake		x	Pear	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/3/2013	R13000092	Lake	Lake		x	Pear	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/2/2013	R13000093	Lake	Lake		x	Walnuts	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/2/2013	R13000094	Lake	Lake		x	Walnuts	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/3/2013	R13000095	Lake	Lake		x	Walnuts	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/3/2013	R13000096	Lake	Lake		x	Walnuts	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/2/2013	R13000098	Lake	Lake		x	Walnuts	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/4/2013	R13000099	Sutter	Sutter		x	Rice	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/9/2013	R13000100	Sutter	Sutter		x	Walnuts	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sample taken from packing shed
11/15/2013	R13000102	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara		x	Avocados	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
11/15/2013	R13000103	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara		x	Strawberries	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
11/15/2013	R13000104	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara		x	Red Cabbage	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
11/21/2013	R13000105	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara		x	Carrotoupe	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
11/21/2013	R13000106	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara		x	Broccoli	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
12/3/2013	R13000107	Sonoma	Sonoma		x	Oregano	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

**California Department of Food and Agriculture
State Organic Program**

**APPEALS STATUS REPORT
Fiscal Year Report
2013/2014**

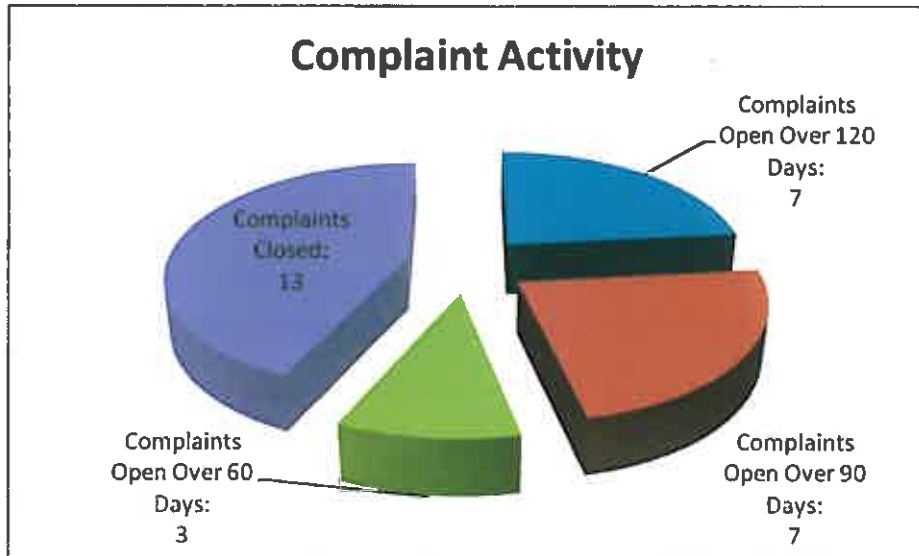
As of: January 10, 2014

Report Categories	Number
Total Appeals Logged	11
Total Active Appeals	2
Appeals Resolved	9
Active Appeals Over 120 days	1

Active appeals referred to DOJ	1
Active appeals being reviewed by CDFA	1

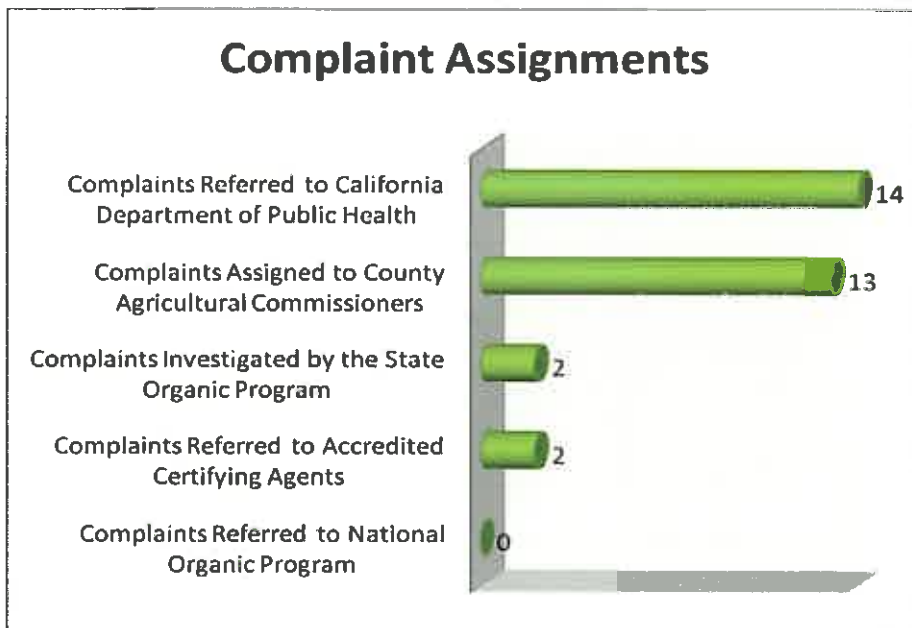
California Department of Food and Agriculture
California State Organic Program
Complaint Activity Report

Complaint Activity
Fiscal Year 2013/14



Note: There is one complaint under 30 days.

Complaint Assignment
Fiscal Year 2013/14



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		0
Feb-14		0
Mar-14		0
Apr-14		0
May-14		0
Jun-14		0
Total		184

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	Forecast
2013/14	116,227	113,259	76,144	94,975	86,258	99,268							586,131	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)**

September 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes

2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833

MEMBERS PRESENT

Garff Hathcock, Chairman
Melody Meyer, Vice-Chair
Thomas Azwell
Karen Klonsky
Sandra Schmaier
David Will
Mary Anne Hanthorn
Sean Swezey
Pat Kennelly
Mindee Jeffery
Thomas Chapman
Ione Conlan
Jenny Lester Moffitt
Stacy Carlsen
Steven Sherman

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Foster
John Ashby
Michelle Dennis
Blake Alexandre
Steve DeMuri
Lauree Bradley

CDFA

Rick Jensen
Danny Lee
Paul Collins
Scott Renteria
Sarah Cardoni

INTERESTED PARTIES

Ray Green, Go Green Consulting
Henry Grossi, Conlan Ranches
Alexis Randolph, QAI

ITEM 1: INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL

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

ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM 3: REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MAY 8, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Ms. Melody Meyer moved to approve the May 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Jenny Lester Moffitt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Mr. Patrick Kennelly provided the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) update. He reported that 2,172 registrants are currently registered with CDPH. Since the last reporting period, CDPH has received several complaints. The natures of the complaints include unregistered and/or uncertified operations and operations making false claims. Most operations were not aware that they were in violation and are promptly correcting the violations. The average time to complete a complaint investigation is 51 days, which is fairly close to the 60 day target.

ITEM 5: STATE ORGANIC PROGRAM REPORTS

I. Vacancy and Terms

Ms. Sarah Cardoni provided a vacancy report. Vacancies include: one producer member; six producer alternates; one wholesale distributor alternate; one processor member; one processor alternate; one environmental representative alternate; one technical representative alternate; one consumer representative member; one consumer representative alternate; and one technical representative alternate. Members whose terms will be expiring October 31, 2013, and are eligible for reappointment are: Mr. Garff Hathcock; Ms. Melody Meyer; Mr. David Will; Mr. John Foster; Mr. John Ashby; Ms. Lauree Bradley; Ms. Mary Anne Hanthorn; Ms. Michelle Dennis; Mr. Steven Sherman; and Ms. Mindee Jeffery.

The Committee discussed teleconferencing options for meetings in order to enhance participation. Teleconference meetings are an option with the caveat that the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act are being adhered to. Locations where members would be calling in from would need to be noticed ten days prior to the meeting and those locations would have to be open for public participation and accessible to persons with disabilities pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

II. Revenue from Registration

Mr. Danny Lee provided an overview of the State Organic Program (SOP) revenue from registration by month and year. The projection for fiscal year (FY) 2012/13 was that the program would collect roughly \$1.2 million dollars in revenue from registration. The actual revenue collected was \$1.275 million dollars. Projections for FY 2013/14 are that the program will collect \$1.35 million dollars.

III. New Registrations

Mr. Scott Renteria provided an overview of new registrant demographics. From July 2012 through June 2013, there were 472 new registrants. For the months of March and April, numbers are higher due to the new database implementation and renewing operations registering as new operations.

IV. Complaints

Mr. Paul Collins provided an overview of the SOP Complaint Activity Report for FY 2012/13. The distribution of complaints is as follows: the SOP retained 17 complaints; four were referred to the National Organic Program (NOP); 26 were assigned to County Agricultural Commissioners; seven were referred to accredited certifying agents; and eleven were referred to the CDPH. Referred complaints remain open with the SOP until the referring agency contacts the SOP with closure to the complaint. The leading issue is labeling violations, followed by false claims, and misrepresentation of organic versus conventional product at certified farmers' markets (CFM).

V. Appeals

Mr. Collins provided the SOP Appeals Status Report. These records are from 2007, when the appeals regulations were promulgated until the present. As of July 1, 2013, the SOP has received 11 appeals. Of the 11 appeals received, seven have been resolved. One of the active appeals is currently being reviewed by CDFA's Hearing Officer and the other three were referred to the Department of Justice.

VI. Residue Analysis

Mr. Renteria provided the SOP Residue Analysis Report. For FY 2012/13, there were 69 samples pulled by SOP and county staff. Of the 69 samples pulled: twenty were from production sites; two from handling facilities, seven from retail locations; 35 from CFMs; four from wholesale facilities; and one from a packing facility. If prohibited substances were detected on samples they were investigated to determine the source of contamination. Next FY the sample intake target will increase to 200, although there are additional samples that can be pulled if needed for enforcement activities. Discussion ensued regarding how the residue analysis information should be reported.

MOTION: Ms. Meyer motioned to include all information on the SOP Residue Analysis Report. Information shall include separate columns for approved substances and prohibited substances, and under the prohibited substances the US Environmental Protection Agency's tolerance and levels detected will be designated. Mr. Swezey seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention.

VII. Database Implementation

Mr. Renteria discussed the progress of the SOP's transition to the online database accounting system. He stated that the online system went live March 1, 2013. Currently there are 3600 registrants in the system and that the system is approximately 51% populated with registrant data.

ITEM 6: DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION DISCUSSION REGARDING GIBBERELLINS

This agenda item was not discussed.

ITEM 7: STATE REVIEW OF ORGANIC INPUT MATERIALS DISCUSSION

Ms. Jenny Lester Moffitt brought the Committee's attention issues regarding organic input materials (OIM) that are Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) approved OIMs, but have not been approved by the CDFA Fertilizing Materials Inspection Program (FMIP). The Committee agreed that the listing of products available by OMRI is not full proof and that operations should be checking the FMIP's approved products listing before use. A list of registered products is available on the CDFA website.

ITEM 8: ORGANIC RESEARCH AND PROMOTIONAL ORDER

Ms. Meyer discussed efforts that are being made toward attaining a federal research and promotions program for education and research purposes geared towards organic

commodities. Federal research and promotion programs are industry-funded generic research and marketing programs designed to increase domestic and international demand for the industry's agricultural commodities, thereby increasing the potential long-term economic growth of all sectors of that industry. She stated that the Organic Trade Association is seeking feedback from industry and that could provide that input at unitedformoreorganic.org.

ITEM 9: NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD UPDATE

Mr. David Will gave the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) update. He stated that the next NOSB meeting will be in Louisville, Kentucky, and will be held October 22 - 24, 2013. Public comments are due October 1, 2013. The agenda and notice is posted on the NOSB website. The board will address several petitions pertaining to changes to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances, including several substances for use in aquaculture, streptomycin for use to control fire blight in pears and apples, and glycerin.

ITEM 10: STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES UPDATES

Mr. Hathcock provided an update on the two standing subcommittees. The Penalty Matrix Subcommittee met once via teleconference. He stated that this subcommittee will wait until the NOP releases their guidelines until moving forward with their work on a penalty matrix for the SOP. The Residue Analysis Subcommittee has not met yet.

ITEM 11: NEW ITEMS

Mr. Hathcock discussed the citrus industry's concerns with Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP). The ACP has been found in the San Joaquin Valley. Tulare and Kern counties have quarantine areas. Although the ACP has been found, the disease has not been found in California.

ITEM 12: NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be held at the Eco Farm Conference on January 23, 2014, in Asilomar. Agenda items will include a database presentation.

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m. by Mr. Hathcock, Chairperson.

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