



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

April 24, 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: Wednesday, May 6, 2015  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location:  
California Department of Food and Agriculture  
2800 Gateway Oaks Drive  
Conference Room 101  
Sacramento, CA 95833  
(916) 900-5030

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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

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1. Introductions
2. Public Comments
3. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. January 22, 2015- Attachment A
4. California Department of Public Health Update – Patrick Kennelly
5. 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. SOP Fund Condition – Attachment G
  - viii. FY 2015/2016 Budget – Attachment H
  - ix. Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) Testing
  - x. State Organic Program Educational Fact Sheet
6. Review of Committee Rules and Procedures
  - i. 1.5 Election of Officers: Changing term limits
  - ii. 2.1 Regular Meetings: Reducing number of meetings
  - iii. 2.5 Quorum Numbers: Reducing quorum numbers
7. Organic Research and Promotion Order Update – Melody Meyer
8. National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) Update – Tom Chapman
9. New Items
10. Next Meeting/Agenda Items
11. Adjournment



**ORGANIC PROGRAM  
2015-2016 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Attachment H

	2013-14 Approved Expenditures	2013-14 Actual Expenditures	2014-15 Approved Expenditures	2014-15 Projected Expenditures	2015-16 Proposed Expenditures
<b>PERSONAL SERVICES</b>					
Salaries	354,651	367,444	410,915	407,642	437,107
Benefits	121,847	157,305	171,404	187,531	213,125
<b>TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>476,498</b>	<b>524,749</b>	<b>582,319</b>	<b>595,172</b>	<b>650,232</b>
<b>OPERATING EXP &amp; EQUIP</b>					
General Expenses	8,500	2,981	5,000	7,941	5,000
Printing	2,500	10	-	3,000	1,000
Communications	500	620	1,250	709	750
Postage	8,000	8,337	7,500	7,880	7,900
Travel: In-State & Out-Of-State	35,000	13,788	35,000	16,712	35,000
Training	2,000	165	1,000	1,999	1,000
Facilities Operation (GWO Rent)	22,000	18,600	24,500	56,055	56,055
Cons/Prof Serv-Interdept	-	390	550	41,170	450
Information Technology (Supplies)	-	2,942	3,500	4,843	3,250
Other items of Expense (County Contracts)	400,830	187,818	380,000	220,000	380,000
Miscellaneous Expenses (Ag Supplies, etc)	-	6	1,400	-	-
Database Charges	-	52,242	50,000	50,000	50,000
Credit Card Service Charges	-	12,054	10,000	14,000	15,000
Chem Lab	60,000	120,000	180,000	180,000	180,000
Attorney General Fees	200,000	40,925	75,000	10,000	50,000
<b>TOTAL OP EXP &amp; EQUIP</b>	<b>739,330</b>	<b>460,878</b>	<b>774,700</b>	<b>614,310</b>	<b>785,405</b>
<b>Departmental Services</b>					
Direct Charges	85,000	-	-	-	-
Indirect CHG - Branch	75,000	90,213	165,776	174,019	126,000
Indirect Cost - Exec/Admin	-	70,740	79,000	84,179	88,432
Indirect Dept Cost - IT	10,000	45,473	50,000	52,489	56,000
Indirect Costs - Div	40,000	26,271	35,000	37,172	38,364
Central Admin Services	-	1,727	1,800	1,505	1,596
Pro Rata	40,000	32,867	33,000	35,759	36,000
Indirect CHG Recovery	-	-	-	(4,928)	(4,928)
<b>TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>267,291</b>	<b>364,576</b>	<b>380,195</b>	<b>341,463</b>
<b>Budget Adjustment Unallocated</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>1,465,828</b>	<b>1,252,918</b>	<b>1,721,595</b>	<b>1,589,678</b>	<b>1,777,100</b>
Gas Tax (Sect 224)	(16,000)	(14,786)	(12,500)	(14,520)	(14,520)
Fed Fund Budget Act					
Direct Charge Recovery (from cost share)			(64,372)	(65,946)	(70,013)
Year-End Closing Exp/Credit					
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET</b>	<b>1,449,828</b>	<b>1,238,132</b>	<b>1,644,723</b>	<b>1,509,212</b>	<b>1,692,567</b>
<b>ACTUAL REVENUE</b>		<b>1,363,219</b>		<b>1,375,000*</b>	<b>1,375,000*</b>

\*Projected Revenue

**ORGANIC PROGRAM**  
**2014-15 FUND CONDITION**  
As of March 31, 2015

	Actual	
	2013-14	2014-15
BEGINNING BALANCE	2,896,830	2,973,326
<b>REVENUE:</b>		
CY REVENUE	1,375,990	1,048,911
PY REVENUE	-12,771	1,227
TOTAL REVENUE	1,363,219	1,050,137
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
BUDGET YEAR EXPENDITURES	1,104,038	799,596
PY EXPENDITURES	183,464	139,857
PPY EXPENDITURES	-780	-5,426
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,286,723	934,027
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$2,973,326	\$3,089,436

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
7/31/2014	R14O00110	San Francisco	San Francisco				x				Kale	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
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	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
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
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
8/28/2014	R14O00147	Mendocino	Mendocino	x							Apples	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/6/2014	R14O00148	Napa	Napa				x				Cucumbers	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/6/2014	R14O00149	Napa	Napa				x				Apples	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/9/2014	R14O00150	Fresno	Fresno	x							Grape, Raisin	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/10/2014	R14O00151	Fresno	Fresno	x							Pomegranate	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/11/2014	R14O00152	Fresno	Fresno							x	Grape, Raisin	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sample collected from packing shed

9/11/2014	R14000153	San Diego	San Diego	x						Watermelon	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/9/2014	R14000154	Mendocino	Mendocino	x						Pears	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/17/2014	R14000155	Lake	Lake					x		Beets	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/17/2014	R14000156	Lake	Lake					x		Beets	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/12/2014	R14000157	Lake	Lake					x		Squash	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/20/2014	R14000158	Sonoma	Sonoma				x			Apples	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/20/2014	R14000159	Sonoma	Sonoma				x			Squash, Zucchini	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/23/2014	R14000160	San Diego	San Diego		x					Plums	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/20/2014	R14000161	Sonoma	Sonoma				x			Cauliflower	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/20/2014	R14000162	Sonoma	Sonoma				x			Apple	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/23/2014	R14000163	Mendocino	Mendocino	x						Grapes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/23/2014	R14000164	Mendocino	Mendocino	x						Grapes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/23/2014	R14000165	Mendocino	Mendocino	x						Grapes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/25/2014	R14000166	San Diego	San Diego					x		Apples	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9/27/2014	R14000167	Santa Clara	Santa Clara					x		Carrots	Pendamethalin/No	0.015 ppm	0.50 ppm	No	Ongoing investigation referred to operation's certifier.
											Trifluralin/No	0.018 ppm	1.0 ppm	No	Operation ordered to cease the sale of
											Fluopicolide/No	0.025 ppm	0.15 ppm	Yes	Operation ordered to cease the sale of
9/27/2014	R14000168	Santa Clara	Santa Clara					x		Carrots	Pendamethalin/No	0.16 ppm	0.50 ppm	No	Ongoing investigation referred to operation's certifier.
											Trifluralin/No	0.017 ppm	1.0 ppm	No	Operation ordered to cease the sale of
											Fluopicolide/No	0.028 ppm	0.15 ppm	Yes	Operation ordered to cease the sale of
10/15/2014	R14000169	San Diego	San Diego		x					Eggplant	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/20/2014	R14000170	San Diego	San Diego		x					Pears	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/20/2014	R14000171	Glenn	Glenn	x						Persimmons	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10/27/2014	R14000172	San Diego	San Diego		x					Pears	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
11/17/2014	R14000173	San Diego	San Diego		x					Bell Peppers	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
11/17/2014	R14000174	San Diego	San Diego	x						Leeks	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
11/19/2014	R14000175	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara					x		Garlic	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
11/19/2014	R14000176	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara					x		Tomatoes	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
11/20/2014	R14000177	San Diego	San Diego		x					Grapefruit	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
11/20/2014	R14000178	San Diego	San Diego		x					Apples	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
12/2/2014	R14000179	Imperial	Imperial	x						Spinach	Spinosad A/Yes	0.096 ppm	8.0 ppm	N/A	
12/11/2014	R14000180	San Diego	San Diego					x		Bell Peppers	Difenconazole	0.010 ppm	0.60 ppm	No	
											Methoxyfenozide	0.016 ppm	2.0 ppm	No	
12/15/2014	R14000181	Imperial	Imperial	x						Mix Lettuce	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
12/17/2014	R14000182	Imperial	Imperial	x						Mix Lettuce	Fenamidon/No	0.011 ppm	60.0 ppm	No	Not in violation. Results forwarded to operation's certifier
12/21/2014	R14000183	San Diego	San Diego					x		Eggplant	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1/6/2015	R15000001	San Diego	San Diego	x						Oranges	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1/11/2015	R15000002	San Francisco	San Francisco					x		Kale	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1/15/2015	R15000003	Imperial	Imperial	x						Celery	Imidacloprid/No	0.030 ppm	6.0 ppm	No	Results forwarded to Operation's certifier
1/21/2015	R15000004	San Diego	San Diego	x						Grapefruit	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1/21/2015	R15000005	San Diego	San Diego	x						Sorrel	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1/27/2015	R15000006	San Diego	San Diego	x						Avocados	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1/23/2015	R15000007	San Diego	San Diego	x						Avocados	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2/12/2015	R15000008	Imperial	Imperial	x						Spinach	Spinosad A/Yes	0.97 ppm	8.0 ppm	No	
2/11/2015	R15000009	Los Angeles	Los Angeles					x		Swiss Chard	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2/11/2015	R15000010	Los Angeles	Los Angeles					x		Strawberries	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2/11/2015	R15000011	Los Angeles	Los Angeles					x		Cabbage	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2/11/2015	R15000012	Los Angeles	Los Angeles					x		Kale	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2/11/2015	R15000013	Los Angeles	Los Angeles					x		Oranges	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2/11/2015	R15000014	Los Angeles	Los Angeles					x		Lettuce	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2/11/2015	R15000015	Los Angeles	Los Angeles					x		Cilantro	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
3/25/2015	R15000018	Mariposa	Mariposa					x		Avocados	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
4/6/2015	R15000019	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	x						Fennel	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
4/7/2015	R15000020	Alameda	Alameda						x	Oranges	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
4/7/2015	R15000021	Alameda	Alameda						x	Romaine	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
4/7/2015	R15000022	Alameda	Alameda						x	Romaine	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
4/7/2015	R15000023	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo					x		Bell Peppers	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
4/7/2015	R15000024	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo					x		Bok Choy	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
4/7/2015	R15000025	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo					x		Celery	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	



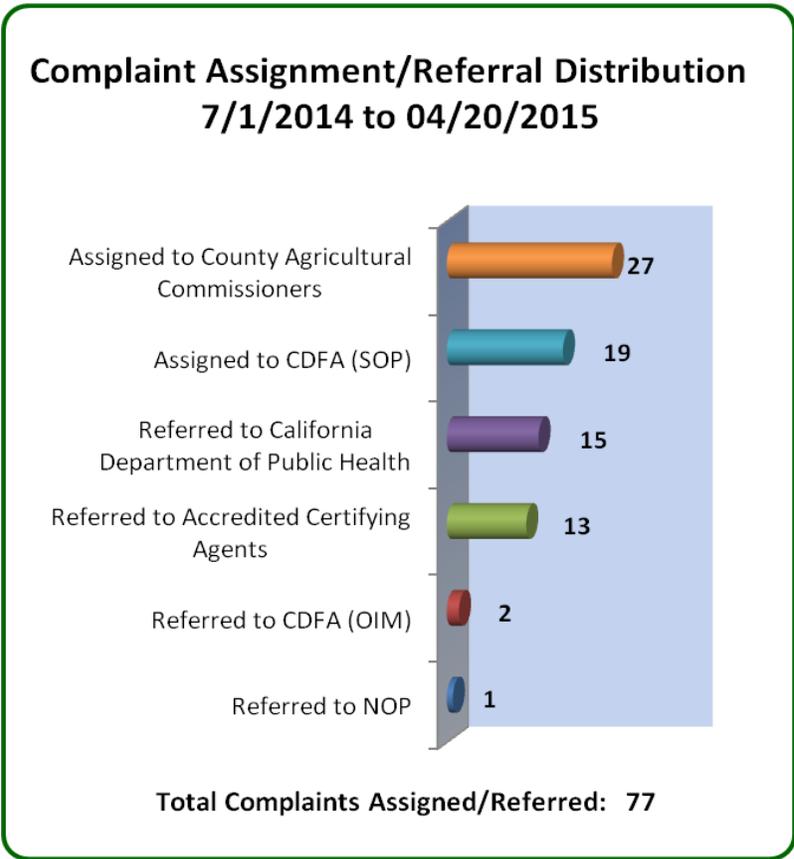
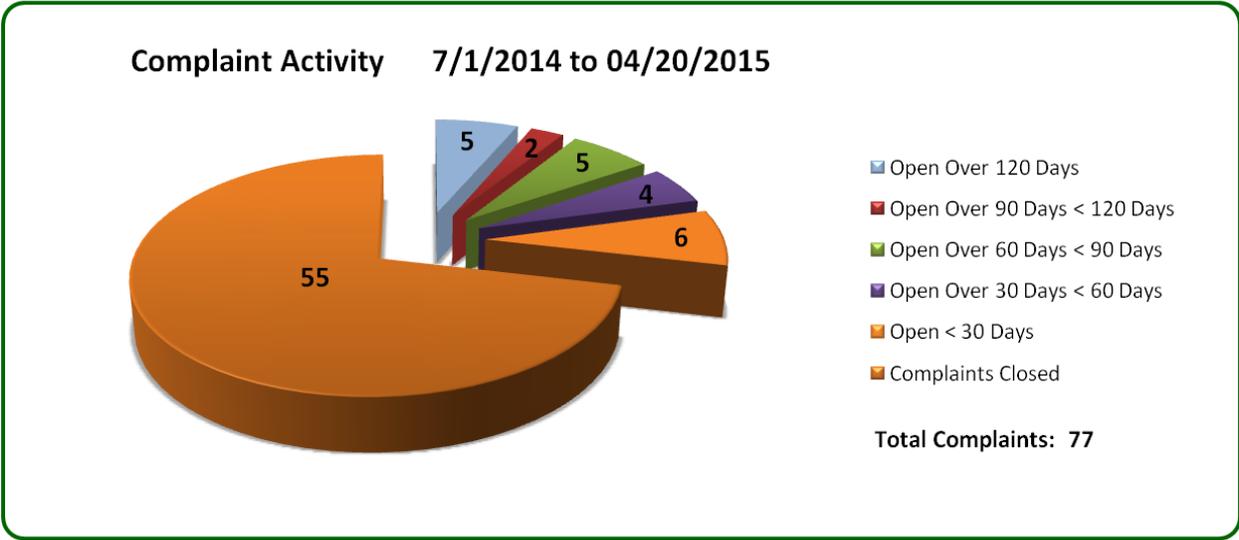
**California Department of Food and Agriculture  
State Organic Program**

**APPEALS STATUS REPORT  
Fiscal Year Report  
2014/2015**

**As of: April 1, 2015**

<b>Report Categories</b>	<b>Number</b>
Total appeals logged	1
Active appeals being reviewed by CDFA	0
Active appeals referred to DOJ	0
Total active appeals	1
Appeals granted	1
Appeals resolved	0
Active appeals over 120 days	0

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



**General complaint categories from most complaints to least:**

- 1. False claims
- 2. Misbranding/mislabeling containers
- 3. Failure to properly identify and/or segregate organic products from non-organic products
- 4. Not registered or certified. Product organic status in question
- 5. Pesticides; excessive or prohibited substances detected

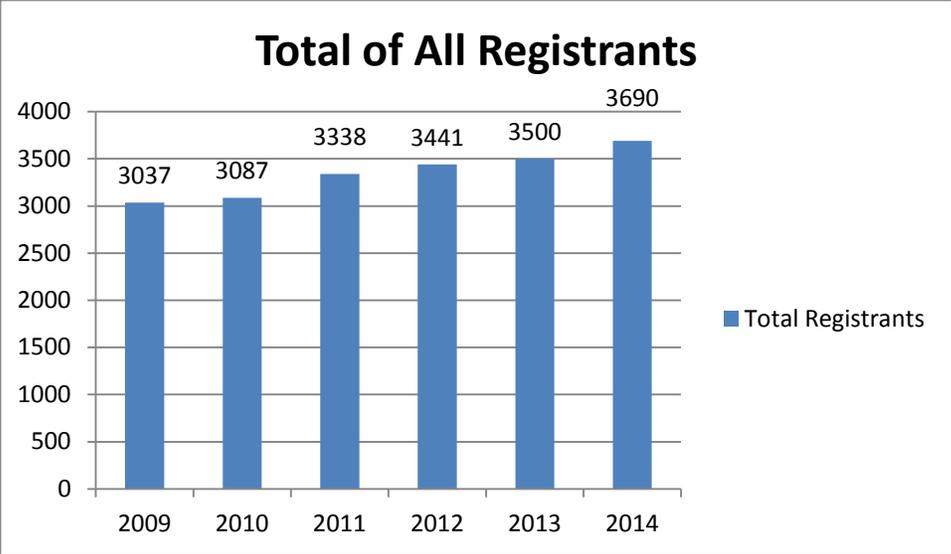
CDFA State Organic Program Calendar Year 2014	
Month	Total Number of New Registrations
Jan-14	30
Feb-14	46
Mar-14	36
Apr-14	63
May-14	64
Jun-14	53
Jul-14	38
Aug-14	35
Sep-14	36
Oct-14	40
Nov-14	34
Dec-14	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>499</b>

Operation Types	Producer	Handler	Processor	Retailer
Jan-14				
Feb-14				
Mar-14				
Apr-14	52	10	0	1
May-14	49	10	4	1
Jun-14	44	6	1	2
Jul-14	31	7	3	2
Aug-14	25	6	5	0
Sep-14	30	8	2	0
Oct-14	33	4	1	2
Nov-14	29	7	1	0
Dec-14	22	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>

CDFA State Organic Program Fiscal Year 2014/2015 (9 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
Jan-15	34
Feb-15	14
Mar-15	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>299</b>

Operation Types	Producer	Handler	Processor	Retailer
Jul-14	31	7	3	2
Aug-14	25	6	5	0
Sep-14	30	8	2	0
Oct-14	33	4	1	2
Nov-14	29	7	1	0
Dec-14	22	2	0	0
Jan-15	29	6	2	1
Feb-15	13	3	0	0
Mar-15	35	11	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>

**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	142,775	177,510	148,868					1,375,000
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	1,350,378	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	

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Jul 2014-Mar 2015</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2015</b>
14/15	1,046,250	469,153
13/14	1,037,144	451,013
12/13	978,329	438,426
11/12	901,462	364,598
10/11	834,931	348,172
09/10	724,272	288,703



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

**January 22, 2015**

**Meeting Minutes**

**800 Asilomar Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Garff Hathcock  
Melody Meyer  
Steven Sherman  
Sandra Schmaier  
Bridget Montesanti  
Jenny Lester Moffitt  
Sean Swezey  
Patrick Kennelly  
Thomas Chapman  
Blake Alexandre  
Steve DeMuri  
Thomas Azwell

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Patrick Baur  
Ione Conlan  
David Will  
Karen Klonsky  
Stacy Carlsen  
Mindee Jeffery

**CDFA**

Steve Patton  
Danny Lee  
David Carlson  
Scott Renteria  
Laurel Rudolph

**INTERESTED PARTIES**

Shayla Newfeld, Monterey County Ag  
Commissioner  
Nora Carlton, Monterey County Ag.  
Commissioner  
Betsy Rakola, U.S. Department of Ag.  
Graham Hunting, Monterey County Ag.  
Commissioner  
Kim Dietz, Smuckers  
Laura Bachs, Organic Trade Assoc.  
Bill Wolf, Wolf DiMatteo and Associates  
Alexis Randolph, Organic Alliance Inc.  
Kelly Damewood, CA Certified Organic  
Farmers  
Jane Sooby, CA Certified Organic  
Farmers

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL**

The Committee was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mr. Steven Sherman, 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 MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Ms. Melody Meyer moved to approve the June 4, 2014, Meeting Minutes as submitted. Mr. Sean Swezey seconded the motion. The Yes votes were: Garff Hathcock, Melody Meyer, Steven Sherman, Sandra Schmaier, Bridget Montesanti, Jenny Lester Moffitt, Sean Swezey, Patrick Kennelly, Thomas Chapman, Blake Alexandre, Steve DeMuri, and Thomas Azwell. Nobody voted No, and no one abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Mr. Blake Alexandre moved to approve the September 24, 2014, Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Melody Meyer seconded the motion. The yes votes were: Garff Hathcock, Melody Meyer, Steven Sherman, Sandra Schmaier, Bridget Montesanti, Jenny Lester Moffitt, Sean Swezey, Patrick Kennelly, Thomas Chapman, Blake Alexandre, Steve DeMuri, and Thomas Azwell. Nobody voted No, and no one abstained. The motion passed unanimously

#### **ITEM 4: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE**

Mr. Patrick Kennelly provided a California Department of Public Health (CDPH) update. He reported that 2,459 registrants are currently registered with CDPH. There were 37 additional operations who registered last year. The largest increases in registrants were in the category of the \$2.5 to \$10 million range. The total amount in sales revenue was over \$6.8 billion last year.

The CDPH is working to move all processors to use pounds instead of gallons when measuring units, to create uniformity. The transition will take a bit of time, and it is expected that soon every firm will be measuring in pounds instead of gallons.

A complaint that came to the CDPH from the Connecticut Department of Health last year is still being investigated. They sampled the products in question and found very low levels of pesticides, just above the 5% tolerance levels set by the Environmental Protection Agency. The majority of the raw materials being tested were coming in from out of the country.

#### **ITEM 5: STATE ORGANIC PROGRAM REPORTS**

##### I. Vacancy and Terms

Ms. Laurel Rudolph provided the vacancy report. Vacancies include: three producers; six producer alternates; one wholesale alternate; one processor; two processor alternates; one retail representative; one environmental representative; one environmental representative alternate; two technical representative; two technical representative alternates; one consumer representative; two consumer representative alternates.

Members whose terms will be expiring October 31, 2015, and are not eligible for reappointment are: Mr. Blake Alexandre; Ms. Ione Conlan; Ms. Jenny Lester Moffitt; Mr. Steve DeMuri; Mr. Thomas Azwell; 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 registrations. For the 2013/14 Fiscal Year (FY), the revenue was over \$1.4 million. That is over the original projected amount of \$1.3 million.

The program is refunding more registration fees because of exemptions. The new database and the online payment system make it so these exemptions are now more accessible for those who qualify.

### III. New Registrations

Mr. Renteria provided an overview of new registrant demographics. The total number of new registrations for the entire 2013/14 FY was 476. The vast majority of the new registrants are producers, followed by handlers, processors, and then retailers. The total number of registrants at the end of 2014 is 3,690. In the first half of the 2014/15 FY there were 207 new registrants.

Mr. Danny Lee gave an overview of the Cost Share program for the 2013/14 FY. Out of the 4,921 Certified Operations; 1,923 filed a Cost Share application and 1,844 received reimbursements, with a total of over \$1.4 million in funds going out. There were 64 applications that were denied due to not being certified, 11 incomplete applications, and 2 withdrew their applications.

### IV. Complaints

Mr. Renteria provided an overview of the complaint activity for the months of July 2014 to December 2014. At that time, the California Department of Agriculture (CDFA) had 9 complaints that had been open for over 120 days, 8 that had been open for over 90-120 days, 3 that had been open over 60-90 days, 4 that had been open for 30-60 days, and 24 complaints closed. Of the complaints that come into the CDFA: 19 of those were referred to a County Agricultural Commissioner; 11 were referred to the CDPH; 8 were referred to Accredited Certifying Agents; 5 were accepted by the CDFA; 1 was referred to the CDFA's Organic Input material program.

### V. Appeals

Mr. Lee provided the State Organic Program (SOP) Appeals Status Report. As of December 31, 2014, the SOP has 1 active appeal, and has logged 2 appeals.

### VI. Residue Analysis

Mr. Renteria provided the Residue Analysis report for the 2013/14 FY. Of the samples that were collected: 19 were collected from production locations; 13 from retail locations; 23 from Certified Farmers' Markets (CFM); 3 from chain markets; and 2 from packing sheds. Two of the samples that were found to be in violation were investigated. The CDFA conducted 1,016 inspections in the 2013/14 FY. Those inspections were conducted at CFM's, production houses, handling, and retail sites. Of those 1,016 inspections, 24 violations were documented. So far in the 2014/15 FY, there have been 506 inspections, with 11 non-compliances, mostly due to failing to have organic registration displayed properly at a CFM.

## **ITEM 6: REVIEW OF COMMITTEE RULES AND PROCEDURES**

Mr. Lee recommended to the committee to re-evaluate the amount of meetings conducted throughout the year. He recommended that the committee have two

meetings a year instead of the current three. A discussion was also made about reducing meeting quorum numbers and changing term limits. The committee decided to put these items on the agenda for the May meeting.

**ITEM 7: ORGANIC RESEARCH AND PROMOTION ORDER**

Ms. Melody Meyer discussed the Organic Research and Promotion Order. The new Farm Bill contains a provision for the Organic Check-off program. The Check-off program would generate funds for the organic industry to implement, develop, and manage programs needed to grow market share, in areas such as: promotion; education; research; and the transition of farmers to grow organic production. Although the Check-off program is administered by the USDA, it is governed by participants within the industry.

**ITEM 8: STATE ORGANIC PROGRAM EDUCATION MATERIALS FOR THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Lee introduced the discussion about educational materials for the public. Ms. Bridget Montesanti asked about availability of funds to get information out to the public regarding the SOP and the Cost Share program. Mr. Steve Patton told the committee that an educational brochure of information about the programs and enforcement the SOP handles can be put together for the public.

**ITEM 9: NEW ITEMS**

There were no new items.

**ITEM 10: NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS**

The next meeting will be held May 6, 2015 in Sacramento, CA. Some of the agenda items that will be discussed are: the Committees policies and procedures; outreach; and the Organic Research and Promotion Order Program.

**ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. by Mr. Steven Sherman, Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Danny Lee, Supervising Special Investigator  
State Organic Program