



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE
Karen Ross, Secretary

April 20, 2012

TO: CALIFORNIA ORGANIC PRODUCTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ALL
INTERESTED PARTIES

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

Date: Wednesday, May 9, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: CA Department of Food and Agriculture
Inspection and Compliance Branch
2800 Gateway Oaks, Room 267
Sacramento, CA 95833

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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,

David Carlson
Special Investigator

Enclosure(s)

cc: Ed Williams, County Liaison, California Department of Food and Agriculture



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

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1. Introductions
2. Public Comments
3. Review and Approval of February 2, 2012 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)
(Action Item)
4. California Department of Public Health Update – Patrick Kennelly
5. State Organic Program Update
 - i. Vacancy Announcements
 - ii. Revenue from Registration (Attachment B)
 - iii. New Registrations (Attachment C)
 - iv. Complaint Report (Attachment D)
 - v. Appeals Report (Attachment E)
 - vi. Spot Inspection Report (Attachment F)
 - vii. Residue Analysis Report (Attachment G)
 - viii. Database Update
6. State Organic Program Budget Approval (Attachments H & I) (Action Item)
7. National Organic Standards Board Update – Steve DeMuri and John Foster
8. New Items
9. Next Meeting/Agenda Items
10. Adjournment

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ORGANIC PROGRAM
2011-2012 FUND CONDITION

				YTD	Projected	Projected
	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2011-2012	2012-2013
BEGINNING BALANCE	2,002,494.31	2,007,495.31	2,380,761.22	2,563,214.08	2,563,214.08	2,304,516.08
REVENUE:						
CURRENT YEAR REVENUE	1,001,940.74	950,880.28	1,075,539.84	668,647.27	1,056,611.00	1,056,611.00
PRIOR YEAR REVENUE	6,751.16	8,580.51	3,374.35	2,285.91	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	1,008,691.90	959,460.79	1,078,914.19	670,933.18	1,056,611.00	1,056,611.00
EXPENDITURES:						
PPY EXPENDITURES	-4,482.54	-35,718.78	47,926.03	61.46	-	-
PY EXPENDITURES	34,006.94	-205,683.81	65,643.92	125,905.31	-	-
BUDGET YEAR EXPENDITURES	972,988.98	825,448.99	778,659.38	564,720.84	1,315,309.00	1,309,315.00
REVENUE ADJUSTMENT	1,177.52	2,148.48	4,232.00	4,325.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,003,690.90	586,194.88	896,461.33	695,012.61	1,315,309.00	1,309,315.00
ADJUSTED BALANCE	2,007,495.31	2,380,761.22	2,563,214.08	2,539,134.65	2,304,516.08	2,051,812.08
<i>OUTSTANDING ENCUMBRANCES</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	721,573.16	0.00	0.00
<i>OPERATING RESERVE</i>	2,007,495.31	2,380,761.22	2,563,214.08	1,817,561.49	2,304,516.08	2,051,812.08

ORGANIC PROGRAM BUDGET

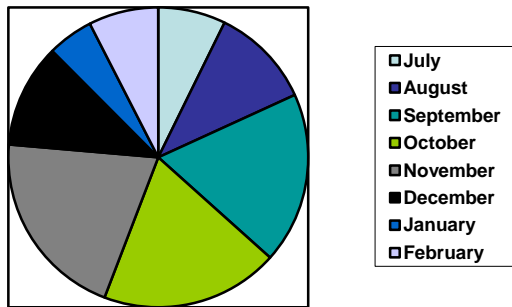
	2010/2011 ACTUAL	2011/2012 APPROVED BUDGET	2011/2012 PROJECTED	2012/2013 PROPOSED
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SALARIES	\$ 201,906	\$ 376,431	\$ 236,975	\$ 257,233
BENEFITS	\$ 138,746	\$ 152,967	\$ 84,848	\$ 96,152
TOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 340,652	\$ 529,398	\$ 321,823	\$ 353,385
OPERATING EXPENSES				
GENERAL EXPENSES (Supplies)	\$ 4,578	\$ 5,000	\$ 8,903	\$ 8,500
PRINTING	\$ 2	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
COMMUNICATION (Cell/Telephone)	\$ 779	\$ 1,000	\$ 310	\$ 500
POSTAGE	\$ 8,363	\$ 12,000	\$ 5,812	\$ 12,000
TRAVEL IN-STATE & OUT-OF-STATE	\$ 23,296	\$ 45,000	\$ 28,308	\$ 45,000
TRAINING	\$ 2,326	\$ 2,000	\$ 860	\$ 2,000
FACILITIES OPERATION (Rent/DGS)	\$ 9	\$ 100	\$ 20,339	\$ 22,000
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$ 6,136	\$ 300,000	\$ 295,644	\$ 10,000
PAYMENT TO COUNTIES	\$ 115,860	\$ 366,630	\$ 336,300	\$ 366,630
CDFA LAB	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
CONSULTATION & LEGAL (int/ext)	\$ 89,581	\$ 100,000	\$ 14,678	\$ 100,000
DIRECT CHARGES (rent, branch supplies & personnel)	\$ 145,665	\$ 195,000	\$ 71,002	\$ 173,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 456,596	\$ 1,087,730	\$ 844,656	\$ 802,130
OVERHEAD COST				
STATE PRO-RATA	\$ 26,395	\$ 30,000	\$ 37,254	\$ 40,000
INDIRECT DEPARTMENT	\$ 66,971	\$ 45,000	\$ 74,703	\$ 75,000
INDIRECT DIVISION	\$ 37,467	\$ 30,000	\$ 53,162	\$ 55,000
TOTAL OVERHEAD	\$ 130,833	\$ 105,000	\$ 165,119	\$ 170,000
UNALLOCATED (BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS)				
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	\$ 587,429	\$ 1,192,730	\$ 1,009,774	\$ 972,130
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS	\$ 928,081	\$ 1,722,128	\$ 1,331,597	\$ 1,325,515
DIRECT CHARGE RECOVERY	(679.00)	-	-	-
GAS TAX RECOVERY	(22,837.00)	(22,837.00)	(16,288.00)	(16,000.00)
NET PROGRAM COST	\$ 904,564.69	1,699,291.00	\$ 1,315,309	\$ 1,309,515
PROJECTED REVENUES	\$ 1,078,914		\$ 1,056,611	\$ 1,056,611

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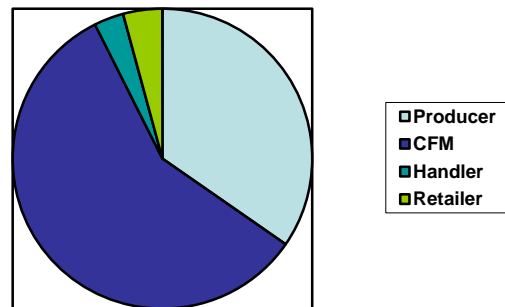
ORGANIC SPOT INSPECTION ACTIVITY REPORT
July 1, 2011 – March 1, 2012

Report Categories	Number
Number of Spot Inspections Conducted	366
Number of Notices of Noncompliance Issued	43

Spot Inspections Completed by Month



Spot Inspections by Operation Type



Violation Categories	Number
Failure to ensure organic registration and/or certification is posted and current at a certified farmers' market.	35
Failure to ensure that commodities sold are listed on organic registration.	4
Failure to implement measures necessary to prevent commingling of organic and nonorganic products.	2
Failure to adhere to soil fertility and crop nutrient management practice standards.	1
Failure to adhere to organic seed and planting stock standards.	1
Failure to adhere to crop pest, weed, and disease management practice standards.	1
Failure to ensure that invoices, bills of lading or other documents that show the title of certified organic products include the California registration number.	1

California Department of Food and Agriculture
State Organic Program

APPEALS STATUS REPORT

As of: March 31, 2012

Report Categories	Number
Total Appeals Logged	18
Total Active Appeals	3
Appeals Resolved	15
Active Appeals Over 120 Days	1

Active appeals referred to DOJ	1
Active appeals being reviewed by CDFA	2

Complaint	Date Received by SOP	Complaint Type	Allegations / Summary	Referral Date	Referred To	Status of Complaint	Resolution Date	Resolution	Days to Resolution
166-12	1/27/2012	Public	Complainant alleges that laborers sprayed Roundup (glyphosate) in runoff ditches. According to the complainant, the Roundup was sprayed on or near organic production land.	30-Jan-12	County	Under investigation.			
165-12	1/26/2012	SOP	During a routine organic spot inspection, county enforcement staff sampled organic apples at a certified farmers' market. The results of the sample indicated the presence of Propargite and Acetamiprid. Both of these materials are prohibited for use in organic production. In addition, there is no tolerance established for Propargite in apples (Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations Section 180.259).	26-Jan-12	County	Under investigation.			
164-12	1/25/2012	Public	Complaint alleges that an operation withdrew from certification in May 2010 and is continuing to use the certifier's logo and name on their website.	26-Jan-12	CDPH	Allegations substantiated, corrected, and closed. Final update provided on 4/13/12.	13-Apr-12	Website updated to remove organic references. Now under new ownership.	79
163-12	1/18/2012	Public	Complainant alleges that soup and other items are fraudulently being offered for sale with the "organic" claim.	19-Jan-12	County	CAC in process of reviewing of corrective actions.		Operation issued notice of noncompliance for comingling and records violations. Follow up pending.	
162-11	12/20/2011	Anonymous	Complainant alleges that an organic operation is using prohibited substances and pesticides on organic crops at various sites in several counties. Material is being sourced from Mexico and other states.	22-Dec-11	ACA	Closed.	07-Mar-12	Upon certifier inspection, violations led to issuance of noncompliance and suspension.	76
160-11	12/14/2011	CAC	Complainant alleges that the operation is selling conventional Mandarin citrus as organic. This is a potential violation of Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations Section 205.102.	15-Dec-11	CAC	Under Investigation.			
157-11	11/22/2011	Public	Complainant alleges that an operation is contaminating surrounding properties and water ways with prohibited substances, and has failed to follow recognized organic practices for orchard crops of stone fruits.	22-Nov-11	SOP	Under investigation.			
155-11	11/3/2011	Public	Respondent has a sign stating "Organic" at end of driveway, and Complainant witnessed an application of a substance the respondent claimed was "Medicine for the strawberry to make them grow bigger, faster."	03-Nov-11	CAC	Under investigation.			

Fiscal Year 2011/12 totals through March 1, 2012

Complaints Reported: 23

Active complaints: 6

Active complaints over 120 days: 2

2011/2012 Fiscal Year (FY) CDFA Organic Program New Registrations

Producer	Dairy and Livestock	Handler/ Wholesale	Retail Store	Commission Merchant	2011/2012 Monthly Total	2010/2011 Monthly Total	
Chart for tracking of new registrations							
July	21	1	5	0	0	27	52
August	49	1	4	0	1	55	42
September	29	0	6	1	0	36	35
October	27	0	6	0	0	33	31
November	22	2	3	1	2	30	31
December	16	0	3	0	1	20	23
January	23	0	2	0	0	25	33
February	24	0	1	0	0	25	31
March							57
April							69
May							41
June							58
FY Total	211	4	30	2	4	251	503

CDFA Organic Program Revenue from Registrations by Month and Year

Fiscal Year	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total	Projected
2011/12	81,971	110,099	80,663	72,537	79,154	82,804	153,257	127,506					787,991	1,173,264
2010/11	70,554	82,211	104,311	62,902	66,948	99,831	136,658	91,803	119,711	93,580	102,369	92,386	1,123,264	
2009/10	72,788	79,512	67,855	63,285	55,128	96,997	119,559	93,642	74,997	57,068	54,926	83,035	918,792	
2008/09	72,875	73,911	63,563	64,835	71,398	102,695	127,727	94,913	78,774	78,316	83,492	79,279	991,778	
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
Asilomar Conference Grounds, 800 Asilomar Blvd., Pacific Grove, CA
February 2, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Melody Meyer, Chair
Garff Hathcock, Vice Chair
Sean Swezey
Michelle Dennis
Patrick Kennelly
Stacy Carlsen
John Foster
Karen Klonsky
John Ashby
Steve DeMuri
Sandra Schmaier
Martin Guerena
Blake Alexandre
Larry Hirahara
Ione Conlan
Thomas Chapman
Lauree Bradley
Mary Anne Hanthorn
Steven Sherman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Janice Woodhouse
Michael Sencer
Thomas Azwell
David Will
Ann King Filmer
Jenny Lester Moffitt
Emma Laskey

CDFA

Steve Patton
David Carlson
Brian Cote
Scott Renteria
Sarah Cardoni

INTERESTED PARTIES

Brandy Gamoning, Hidden Villa Ranch
Ray Green

ITEM 1: INTRODUCTIONS

The Committee was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Mr. John Ashby, Chairperson. Roll was called, a quorum was established, and introductions were made.

ITEM 2: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The floor opened for nominations.

MOTION: Mr. Garff Hathcock moved to elect Ms. Melody Meyer to serve as Chairperson. Mr. Sean Swezey seconded. The motion passed unanimously and Ms. Meyer was appointed Chairperson of the COPAC.

Mr. Ashby was thanked for his service as Chairperson.

MOTION: Mr. John Foster moved to elect Mr. Hathcock to serve as Vice-Chair. Mr. Swezey seconded. The motion passed unanimously and Mr. Hathcock was appointed Vice-Chair of the COPAC.

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM 4: REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MAY 10, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Foster moved to approve the May 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes as submitted. Mr. Blake Alexandre seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5: REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Alexandre moved to approve the September 28, 2011 Meeting Minutes as submitted. Mr. Hathcock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 6: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Mr. Patrick Kennelly provided the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Report. Mr. Kennelly explained that CDPH and CDFA work in tandem to enforce the California Organic Products Act of 2003; CDFA being the official recognized entity under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as the State Organic Program (SOP). In addition, information is communicated between the two departments, which is ultimately reported to the USDA National Organic Program (NOP).

Mr. Kennelly gave an overview of CDPH's Organic Processed Product Registration Program Annual Report for 2011. According to Mr. Kennelly, a total of 1,873 organic operations were registered with CDPH in 2011. The median annual gross sales revenue for CDPH organic registrants was \$131,121 dollars, which is down approximately \$21,000 dollars from the previous year. The total annual gross sales revenue reported was \$3,495,054,452 dollars, which has increased by approximately \$96 million dollars from the previous year.

Mr. Kennelly gave an overview of the CDPH Organic Complaint Log for 2011. He stated that CDPH investigated a total of 18 complaints, 11 of which were substantiated and generally were related to uncertified/unregistered operations.

Mr. Foster questioned the timeline for the complaint process. Mr. Kennelly stated that there was an average duration of 66 days from the point of receiving the complaint to closing the complaint.

ITEM 7: STATE ORGANIC PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. David Carlson stated that the SOP has been working on the development of the new database that will include features such as online registration, up to date registration information for counties to quickly access, and the ability to produce a variety of reports.

Mr. Carlson provided an update on the Federal Organic Certification Cost Share Program. He stated that the application period is from October 1, 2011, through September 31, 2012. The Program received \$1,050,000 dollars to be distributed to operations that have been certified organic by a USDA accredited certifier. In 2011, the Program disbursed \$881,000 dollars to 1,304 certified operations.

I. Revenue From Registration

Mr. Carlson provided the Revenue From Registration Report. From July 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011, the SOP received \$82,804 dollars in revenue. The Program is projecting \$1,073,264 dollars in revenue for this fiscal year (FY).

Mr. Swezey asked if there is a possibility of department budget cuts that the Organic Program would have to absorb with Program funds. Mr. Steve Patton stated the Organic Program is a one hundred percent special funded program with no general funds associated; consequently, budget cuts to the SOP are minimal.

II. New Registrations

Mr. Carlson provided the New Registrations Report. The SOP had a total of 201 new registrations from July 2011 through December 2011, a decrease of 13 registrations from the same time period last year. The increase in revenue and the decrease in the number of registrations is the result of larger operations registering and paying higher registration fees versus the previous trend of smaller operations that paid smaller registration fees.

III. Complaint Report

Mr. Brian Cote provided the Complaint Report. The reporting period is from July 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011. The SOP received 18 complaints. There are nine active complaints. Six of the nine closed complaints resulted in a notice of noncompliance or some type of adverse action.

IV. Appeals Report

Mr. Cote provided the Appeals Report. These records are from 2007 when the appeals regulations were promulgated until present. As of December 31, 2011, the SOP logged 17 appeals. Of the 17 appeals received, 15 have been resolved. Consequently, the

SOP has two active appeals. One active appeal has been referred to the Department of Justice and one is currently under review by the CDFA hearing officer.

V. Spot Inspection Report

Mr. Cote provided the Organic Spot Inspection Program Report. The Spot Inspection Program was reauthorized in November 2010. For the reporting period July 1, 2011, until December 31, 2011, approximately 201 spot inspections were conducted. In order to ensure consistency throughout the counties, the SOP conducted 21 harmonized spot inspections with county agricultural commissioners.

Ms. Michelle Dennis inquired on what the most common violations were. Mr. Cote responded that the most common violations were found at certified farmers' markets (CFMs). Violations were primarily not having a registration posted and/or available. Initially, counties were asked to focus on uncertified operations with gross sales under \$5,000 dollars. In addition, counties are instructed to focus on CFM inspections. For that reason, there has been an increase in organic violations found at CFMs.

Ms. Meyer inquired if the spot inspections have had any fiscal impact on the SOP. Mr. Cote stated that the Organic Spot Inspection Program was budgeted for in the past. The Program was not authorized prior to November 2010, but it was always included in the budget.

Mr. Foster questioned what the formal mechanism being utilized by the SOP was to communicate with other agencies investigative findings or violations that are not in the SOP scope i.e., labor issues and environmental concerns. Mr. Cote stated that if issues are found that are not in the scope of the SOP during the course of an investigation, they are referred to the respective agency.

Mr. Swezey asked if the SOP was going to switch back to conducting more producer inspections. Mr. Cote stated that the majority of the spot inspections have been at the producer level. In addition, the SOP has developed checklists for retailers, handlers, and processors. Uncertified operations and organic operations operating at CFMs will remain the primary focus of the spot inspection program.

Mr. Cote brought to the Committee's attention that the SOP is continuing to conduct county audits and training on an individualized basis. The SOP has audited approximately half of the counties thus far. Furthermore, ten additional counties have requested and were provided training during the current fiscal year. The curriculum varied based upon the request of the counties and included topics such as registration, spot inspections, residue sampling, and enforcement procedures. In addition, the SOP has participated at various venues with the California Association of Pest Control Advisors and continues to remain a resource for the organic industry.

Mr. Scott Renteria provided a Sampling Program update. Since July 1, 2011, 64 samples were taken from the following types of operations: 19 retail operations; 14

production sites; 14 CFMs; 9 chain distributors; and 8 wholesale operations. There were three samples that tested positive for prohibited substances, one that was directly related to an ongoing investigation.

Ms. Dennis questioned if the positive samples were investigated, aside from the one that was part of an ongoing investigation. Mr. Renteria stated that the two positive samples were at levels significantly lower than the Environmental Protection Agency's tolerance for that particular residue, as provided in the NOP regulations. Therefore, no further action was taken.

ITEM 8: NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD (NOSB) UPDATE

Mr. Steve DeMuri provided the NOSB Report for the Handling Committee. He stated that the make up of the Board has recently changed. There were five new members that were appointed: Harold Austin, Handler Representative; Carmela Beck, Producer; Tracy Farve, Environmentalist; Jean Richardson, Consumer/Public Interest; and Zea Sonnabend, Scientist. Furthermore, Berry Flamm is the new Chairperson, Robert Stone is the new Vice-Chair, and Wendy Fulwider has remained the Secretary.

Mr. DeMuri provided an update of the NOSB Handling Committee. The new Chairperson for the Handling Committee is Mr. Foster. Mr. DeMuri stated that sunset items Docosahexaenoic Acid (DHA) and Arachidonic Acid (ARA), which are additives for infant formula, were recommended to be allowed. A petition to remove Silicon Dioxide from the National List of Approved and Prohibited Substances (National List) resulted in the modification of its annotation. A petition to allow Sulfur Dioxide in organic wine was not approved. Finally, recommendations were made that both sunset items Animal Enzymes and Tartaric Acid remain on the National List; Tartaric Acid made from malic acid not on the National List section §205.605(b) was recommended not to be relisted on the National List.

Mr. Foster provided an update of the NOSB Crops Committee. He stated that a petition to add Odorized Propane to the National List did not pass as allowed material to the National List. He stated that looking toward the future, there is going to be a lot of interest in inert ingredients in pesticides. The old system that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) used to identify inert ingredients allowed for use in pesticides has phased out. Consequently, the organic regulations reference an EPA listing that no longer exists. In response to that, a lot of the petitions in front of the Crops Committee are inert ingredients.

ITEM 9: NEW ITEMS

There were no new items discussed.

ITEM 10: NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be held May 9, 2012. Agenda items to be included are committee vacancies, the budget, and a database presentation.

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m. by Ms. Meyer, Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted by:

David Carlson, Special Investigator
California State Organic Program
Inspection Services

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