



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE
Karen Ross, Secretary

September 5, 2013

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, September 18, 2013
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 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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with your travel arrangements, please contact Sarah Cardoni 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

Enclosures

cc: Gary Leslie, State/County Liaison



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

**September 18, 2013
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Inspection and Compliance Branch
2800 Gateway Oaks, Room 267
Sacramento, CA 95833**

1. Introductions/Roll Call
2. Public Comments
3. Review and Approval of May 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)
4. California Department of Public Health Update – Patrick Kennelly
5. State Organic Program Update
 - i. Terms and Vacancies
 - ii. Revenue from Registration (Attachment B)
 - iii. New Registrations (Attachment C)
 - iv. Complaint Report (Attachment D)
 - v. Appeals Status Report (Attachment E)
 - vi. Residue Analysis Report (Attachment F)
 - vii. Database Update
6. Department of Pesticide Regulation Discussion Regarding Gibberellins
7. State Review of Organic Input Materials Discussion
8. Organic Research and Promotion Order – Melody Meyer
9. National Organic Standards Board Update
10. Standing Subcommittees Update
11. New Items
12. Next Meeting/Agenda Items
13. Adjournment

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CAUTIONARY DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Sampling Fiscal Year 2012/2013

DATE	WHO SAMPLED	COUNTY WHERE SAMPLED	PRODUCER	HANDLER	RETAIL	CFM	Wholesale	Chain	OTHER	COMMODITY	SUBSTANCE DETECTED	ABOVE 5% OF EPA TOLERANCE	COMMENTS
7/5/2012	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara				X				Strawberries	None Detected		
7/9/2012	SOP	Sacramento	X							Bell Pepper	None Detected		
7/9/2012	SOP	Sacramento	X							Celery	None Detected		
7/11/2012	SOP	San Francisco				X				Red Bell Pepper	(Metalaxyl .0337ppm) (Imidacloprid .0334ppm)	Yes	Part of an ongoing investigation
7/11/2012	SOP	San Francisco				X				Salad Mix	None Detected		
7/12/2012	SOP	San Benito	X							Red Leaf Romaine	(Spinosaad A .0497ppm) (Bensulfide .0124ppm)	No	
7/12/2012	SOP	San Benito	X							Red Leaf Romaine	(Spinosaad A .0704ppm)	No	
7/12/2012	SOP	San Benito	X							Red Leaf Romaine	(Spinosaad A .0798ppm) (Spinosaad D .0138ppm)	No	
7/12/2012	SOP	San Benito	X							Red Leaf Romaine	(Spinosaad A .116ppm) (Spinosaad D .017ppm)	No	
7/12/2012	SOP	San Benito	X							Red Leaf Romaine	(Spinosaad A .102ppm) (Spinosaad D .024ppm)	No	
7/12/2012	SOP	San Benito	X							Soil	(Bensulfide .0525ppm)	Yes	Samples taken as part of same ongoing investigation
7/12/2012	SOP	San Benito	X							Soil	(Bensulfide .054ppm) (Dialliloln .0114ppm)	Yes	
7/12/2012	SOP	San Benito	X							Soil	(Bensulfide .151ppm)	Yes	
7/12/2012	SOP	San Benito	X							Soil	(Bensulfide .0586ppm) (Dialliloln .0111ppm)	Yes	
7/12/2012	SOP	San Benito	X							Soil	(Bensulfide .057ppm) (Dialliloln .0117ppm)	Yes	
7/12/2012	SOP	San Benito	X							Soil	(Bensulfide .0925ppm)	Yes	
7/12/2012	SOP	San Benito	X							Soil	(Bensulfide .0707ppm)	Yes	
7/12/2012	SOP	San Benito	X							Soil	(Bensulfide .0465ppm)	Yes	
7/12/2012	SOP	San Benito	X							Soil	(Bensulfide .086ppm)	Yes	
7/12/2012	SOP	San Benito	X							Soil	(Bensulfide .111ppm) (Dialliloln .0131ppm)	Yes	
7/12/2012	San Mateo	San Mateo				X				Blackberries	N/A		Sample not run. Poor condition.
7/12/2012	San Mateo	San Mateo				X				Strawberries	None Detected		
7/12/2012	San Mateo	San Mateo				X				Strawberries	None Detected		
7/21/2012	San Joaquin	San Joaquin				X				Kale	None Detected		
7/25/2012	Sutter	Sutter				X			X	Peach	None Detected		
8/2/2012	San Joaquin	San Joaquin				X				Carrots	None Detected		
8/17/2012	SOP	Monterey				X				Strawberries	None Detected		
8/20/2012	Stanislaus	Stanislaus				X				Peach	None Detected		
8/20/2012	Stanislaus	Stanislaus				X				Peach	None Detected		
8/20/2012	Stanislaus	Stanislaus				X				Peach	None Detected		
8/21/2012	SOP	Yolo				X				Kiwifruit	None Detected		
9/13/2012	Los Angeles	Los Angeles				X				Tomatoes	None Detected		
9/13/2012	Los Angeles	Los Angeles				X				Cucumber	None Detected		



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9/13/2012	Los Angeles	Los Angeles								Lettuce	None Detected		
9/28/2013	SOP	Marin				X				Strawberries	None Detected		
10/3/2012	SOP	Alameda				X				Strawberries	None Detected		
10/3/2012	SOP	Alameda				X				Broccoli	None Detected		
10/7/2012	San Diego	San Diego				X				Red Raspberries	None Detected		
10/10/2012	SOP	San Luis Obispo			X					Strawberries	None Detected		
11/2/2012	Sutter	Sutter		X						Walnuts	None Detected		
11/20/2012	SOP	Monterey				X				Heirloom Tomatoes	None Detected		
11/20/2012	SOP	Monterey				X				Egg Plant	None Detected		
11/21/2012	SOP	Monterey				X				Roma Tomatoes	None Detected		
11/20/2012	SOP	Monterey				X				Pomegranates	None Detected		
11/28/2012	SOP	Ventura				X				Apples	Bifenthrin .022ppm	No	
11/27/2012	Orange	Orange				X				Tomatillos	(Oxamyl .049ppm) (lambda Cyhalothrin .051ppm)	Yes	Part of an ongoing investigation
11/28/2012	Ventura	Ventura				X				Apples	None Detected		
12/4/2012	San Diego	San Diego				X				Artichokes	(Myclobutanil .070ppm)	Yes	Part of an ongoing investigation
12/6/2012	San Mateo	San Mateo				X				Broccoli	Azoxystrobin .282ppm	Yes	Part of an ongoing investigation
12/13/2012	Orange	Orange				X				Tomatillos	None Detected		
12/21/2012	San Diego	San Diego				X				Brussel sprouts	None Detected		
2/8/2013	San Diego	San Diego				X				Swiss Chard	N/D		
3/12/2013	Sacramento	Sacramento				X				Banana	Bifenthrin.033	No	
4/6/2013	San Diego	San Diego				X				Fava Beans	None Detected		
4/23/2013	Ventura	Ventura		X						Strawberry	Captan .1ppm	No	Investigation continues
4/29/2013	Ventura	Ventura				X				Strawberry	None Detected		
5/3/2013	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara				X				Strawberry	None Detected		
5/3/2013	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara				X				Asparagus	None Detected		
5/15/2013	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo			X					Celery	None Detected		
5/29/2013	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo			X					Sugar Plum Tomatoes	None Detected		
6/6/2013	Sutter	Sutter		X						Peaches	None Detected		
6/6/2013	Sutter	Sutter		X						Cherries	Spinosada	No	
6/6/2013	Sutter	Sutter			X					Apples	None Detected		
6/6/2013	Sutter	Sutter			X					Broccoli	None Detected		
6/11/2013	San Francisco	San Francisco			X					Carrots	None Detected		
6/18/2013	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo			X					Strawberry	None Detected		
6/18/2013	Nevada	Nevada			X					Plums	None Detected		
6/18/2013	Nevada	Nevada			X					Strawberry	None Detected		
6/25/2013	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo			X					Arugula	None Detected		

California Department of Food and Agriculture
State Organic Program

APPEALS STATUS REPORT
Fiscal Year Report
2012/2013

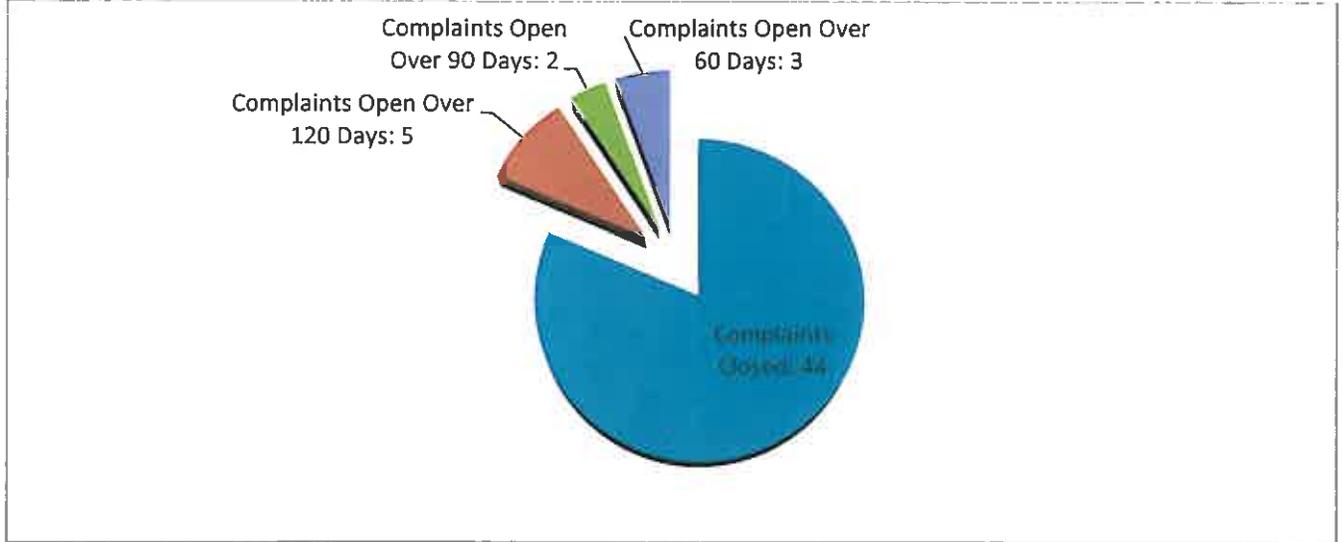
As of: July 1, 2013

Report Categories	Number
Total Appeals Logged	11
Total Active Appeals	4
Appeals Resolved	7
Active Appeals Over 120 days	2
Active appeals referred to DOJ	3
Active appeals being reviewed by CDFA	1

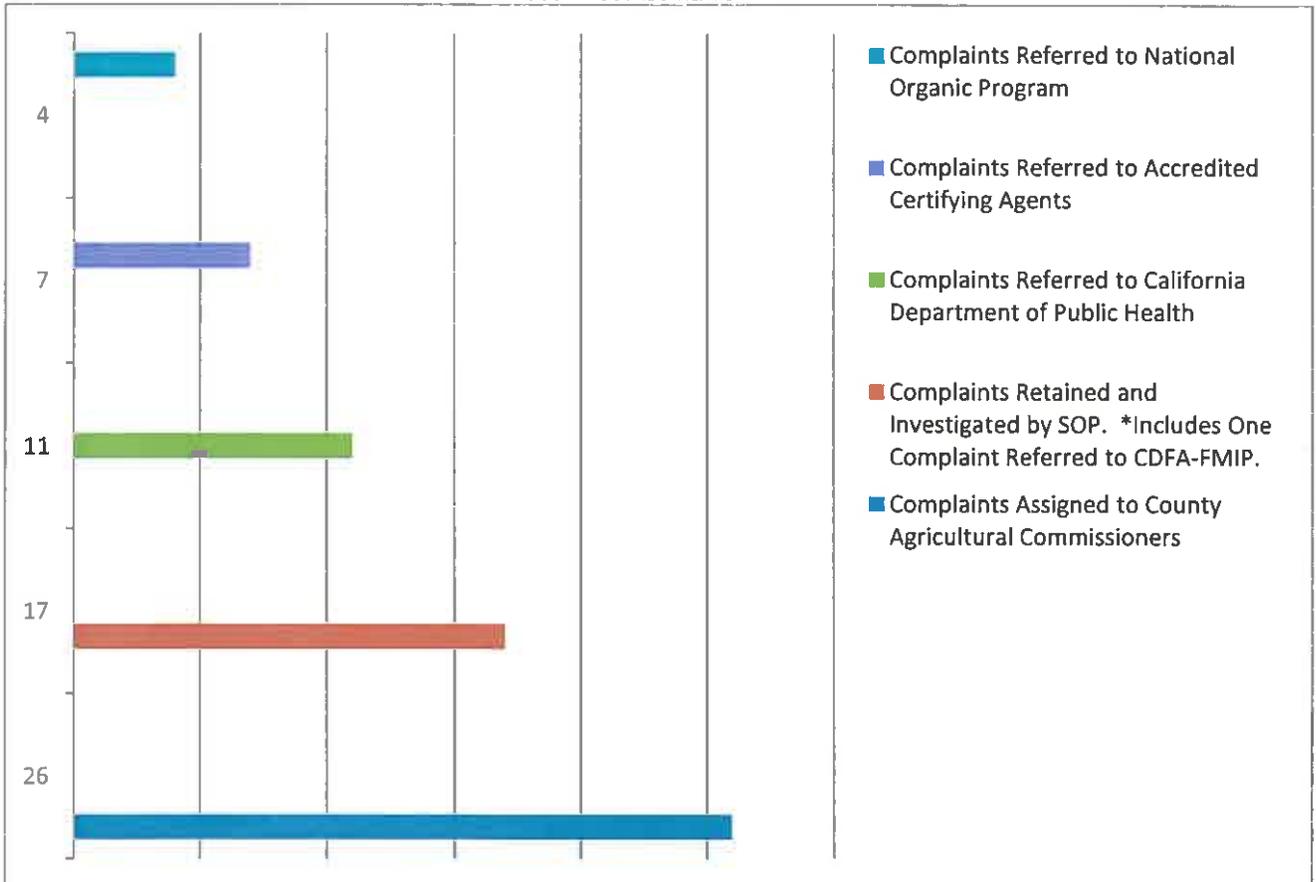
ATTACHMENT D

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

Complaint Activity
Fiscal Year 2012/13



Complaint Assignment
Fiscal Year 2012/13



ATTACHMENT C

CDFA State Organic Program		Fiscal
Year 2012/2013		
Month	Total Number of New Registrations	
Jul-12	36	
Aug-12	31	
Sep-12	39	
Oct-12	37	
Nov-12	18	
Dec-12	19	
Jan-13	38	
Feb-13	38	
Mar-13	63	
Apr-13	65	
May-13	52	
Jun-13	36	
Total	472	

March 01, 2013 Implemented New Database

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	Proposed
2013/14	102,788												102,788	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	445,905	
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)**

May 8, 2013

Meeting Minutes

2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833

MEMBERS PRESENT

Garff Hathcock, Chairman
Melody Meyer, Vice-Chair
Steve Demuri
Blake Alexandre
Sandra Schmaier
David Will
Mary Anne Hanthorn
Sean Swezey
Pat Kennelly
Mindee Jeffery
Thomas Chapman
Ione Conlan
Jenny Lester Moffitt
Lauree Bradley
Steven Sherman

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Foster
John Ashby
Thomas Azwell
Stacy Carlsen
Karen Klonsky
Michelle Dennis

CDFA

Rick Jensen
David Carlson
Scott Renteria
Sarah Cardoni

INTERESTED PARTIES

Ray Green, Go Green Consulting

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: REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY 24, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Blake Alexandre moved to approve the January 24, 2013 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 2,115 registrants are currently registered with CDPH. Since the last reporting period, CDPH has received 4 complaints. 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; one wholesale distributor alternate; one processor alternate; one

environmental representative alternate; one technical representative alternate; and one consumer 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.

II. Revenue from Registration

Mr. David Carlson 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 \$1.2 million dollars in revenue from registration by the end of the fiscal year (FY).

III. New Registrations

Mr. Carlson provided an overview of new registrant demographics. From July 2012 through the present time, there have been 261 new registrants. The vast majority of the new registrants are producers, followed by handlers, dairy and livestock, retail operations, and commission merchants, respectively. Projected number of registrants for FY 2012/13 is 436 registrants.

IV. Complaints

Mr. Carlson provided an overview of the SOP Complaint Report. From December 1, 2012, through March 1, 2013, the SOP received a total of 16 complaints. There are currently 13 active complaint reports. Currently there are no complaints being investigated by the SOP. Six complaints have been referred to the National Organic Program (NOP); two were assigned to County Agricultural Commissioners (CAC); three were assigned to accredited certifying agents (ACA); and two 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. Carlson provided the SOP Appeals Status Report. These records are from 2007, when the appeals regulations were promulgated until the present. As of December 1, 2012, the SOP has received 28 appeals. Of the 28 appeals received, 21 have been resolved. Six of the seven active appeals have been active for over 120 days. Four of the active appeals are currently being reviewed by CDFA's Hearing Officer and the other three were referred to the Department of Justice.

The Committee asked if final decisions on resolved appeals would be made available to the public. Mr. Jensen stated that the SOP is required by the NOP to provide that information and all final appeals decisions will be made available on the CDFA website.

VI. Residue Analysis

Mr. Scott Renteria provided the SOP Residue Analysis Report. Since the last reporting period, there have been a total of 6 samples pulled by SOP and county staff. There were prohibited substances detected on one of the samples, which is currently being investigated to determine the source of contamination.

VII. State Organic Program FY 2013/14 Budget

Mr. Carlson provided an overview of the SOP FY 2013/14 Proposed Budget and requested that the Committee approve the proposed budget of \$1,465,828 dollars. He stated that there is an increase in the payment to counties for residue sampling and that there should be an increase in the CDFA LAB line item in order to cover the costs of processing the increased samples.

MOTION: Mr. Swezey moved to increase the CDFA LAB line item budget up to \$120,000 in order to correspond to the increased county efforts for residue sampling, and to increase the targeted amount of samples from 100 to 200 for FY 2013/14. Ms. Conlan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Alexandre moved to recommend the CDFA Secretary approve the SOP FY 2013/14 Proposed Budget, as amended. Ms. Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. 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. As of March 17, all counties have received training. There was anticipation that the first three months were going to be cumbersome with maintaining data in the old system while populating the new online system as registrations and renewals are completed. Registrants who are renewing are being asked to enter in their information in the online database so that the data in the new database is accurate and reportable in this new system.

Mr. Swezey inquired on the length of time needed before reports could be produced in the new online system. Mr. Renteria stated that it would take one calendar year before reports could be produced for the reason that it will take one year for all renewing registrants to update their information in the system. The committee discussed what data will be available to the public and how those reports or data should be formatted. The committee agreed that defining the reportable data should be discussed at the next meeting.

ITEM 5: NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD UPDATE

Ms. Meyer gave a brief National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) update. She stated that at the April NOSB meeting in Portland, Oregon, there was a lot of discussion concerning the NOSB's decision to sunset tetracycline, which is an antibiotic used to

fight fire blight in apples and pears throughout the country. She stated that this will affect the organic apple and pear industry. Expected proposed rules include sunset materials that are listed on the NOSB website.

ITEM 6: NEW ITEMS

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.

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 (HLB), a devastating bacterial disease of citrus trees. Currently there is no organic treatment for HLB, which puts organic citrus farmers at risk of losing their organic certification.

Ms. Conlan inquired about the Cost Share Program. Mr. Carlson stated that the program is waiting for approval of the Farm Bill to see whether or not that will be offered for this fiscal year.

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 she would keep the Committee informed as the project moves forward.

ITEM 7: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM 8: NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be held in September 18, 2013, in Sacramento. Agenda items will include a database update to include database queries, an organic federal research and promotions program update, and an update from the standing subcommittees.

ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. by Mr. Hathcock, Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted by:

Steve Patton, Branch Chief
Inspection and Compliance Branch
Inspection Services