



California Organic Products Advisory Committee (COPAC)

The COPAC is comprised of 15 members, whereas each member has an alternate that fits the same criteria. Six members shall be producers, at least one of whom shall be a producer of meat, fowl, fish, dairy products, or eggs. The remaining members consist of: two processors; one wholesale distributor; one accredited certifying agency operating in California; one consumer representative; one environmental representative; two technical representatives with scientific credentials related to agricultural chemicals, toxicology, or food science; and one retail representative. There are a total of 30 member seats.

Vacancies as of May 19, 2021

3 Voting Member Vacancies

- 1 Wholesale Distributor Representative
- 2 Technical Representatives

14 Alternate Vacancies:

- 6 Producer Alternates
- 1 Wholesale Distributor Alternate
- 1 Processor Alternate
- 1 Retail Representative Alternate
- 1 Environmental Representative Alternate
- 2 Technical Representative Alternates
- 1 Consumer Representative Alternate
- 1 Accredited Certifier Representative Alternate

Appointments for advisory committee positions will normally be for three years from the date of appointment. A member may serve for two consecutive terms*. After one year of absence from the committee, a former member may reapply for other vacant seats and may be appointed. As needed some appointments may be made for 2 years to allow staggering of terms.

New members who are appointed into a seat that has been vacated during an existing term, will assume the remaining term of the vacated member.

(Commencing with the January, 2009 appointments. Term limits do not apply to alternate position. See August 18, 2009 COPAC minutes)