



## **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 October 2023**

### **8 Voting Member Vacancies:**

- 1 Producer
- 1 Processor
- 1 Environmental Representative
- 1 Technical Representative
- 1 Consumer Representative
- 1 Accredited Certifier Representative

### **15 Alternate Vacancies:**

- 6 Producers
- 1 Wholesale Distributor
- 2 Processors
- 1 Retail Representative
- 1 Environmental Representative
- 2 Technical Representatives
- 1 Consumer Representative
- 1 Accredited Certifier Representative

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)*