



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

**June 4, 2014
Meeting Minutes
Teleconference**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Melody Meyer
Patrick Baur
Steven Sherman
Bridget Montesanti
Jenny Lester Moffitt
Sean Swezey
Mindee Jeffery
David Will
Karen Klonsky
Garff Hathcock
Steve DeMuri
Lauree Bradley

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Azwell
Adele Gemignani
Blake Alexandre
Ione Conlan
Thomas Chapman
Sandra Schmaier
Stacy Carlsen
Pat Kennelly

CDFA

Danny Lee
David Carlson
Sarah Cardoni

INTERESTED PARTIES

Steve Beckley, OFAC
Ed Williams, LA County
John Foster, Earthbound Farm

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

The Committee was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by Mr. Steven Sherman, Chairperson. Roll was called, a quorum was established, and self introductions were made.

ITEM 2: MATERIAL REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS (MROs)

Ms. Jenny Lester Moffitt discussed a letter that was drafted by the Committee regarding Material Review Organizations. The letter outlined the efforts that are being made to create a regulatory framework for MROs under the National Organic Program for material review and uniform enforcement.

MOTION: Ms. Melody Meyer moved to adopt the letter to the CDFA Secretary regarding MROs as amended. Ms. Jenny Lester Moffitt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ms. Lauree Bradley abstained. The motion passed by majority vote.

The Chairperson will submit to the CDFA Secretary the letter on behalf of the Committee outlining the Committee's positions on MROs.

ITEM 3: NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM 5: NEXT MEETING

The next COPAC meeting will be held on September 24, 2014, in Sacramento at 10:00 a.m. Agenda items will include CDFA reports.

ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m. by Mr. Sherman, Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted by:



Danny Lee, Supervising Special Investigator
State Organic Program