



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

August 17, 2015

Teleconference

Meeting Minutes

2800 Gateway Oaks, Sacramento, CA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Melody Meyer
Bridget Montesanti
Sean Swezey
Thomas Azwell
David Will
Mindee Jeffery
Ione Conlan
Patrick Baur

MEMBERS ABSENT

Karen Klonsky
Blake Alexandre
Garff Hathcock
Steve DeMuri
Thomas Chapman
Steve Sherman
Sandra Schmaier
Patrick Kennelly
Stacy Carlsen

CDFA

Steve Patton
Marcee Yount
Danny Lee
Paul Collins
Scott Renteria
Laurel Rudolph
Jenny Lester-
Moffitt

INTERESTED PARTIES

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

The Committee was called to order at 1:10 pm by Ms. Melody Meyer, Vice Chairperson. Roll was called, a quorum was established, and self introductions were made.

ITEM 2: GMO TESTING PILOT PROJECT

Ms. Meyer gave a brief summary and update of the pilot program and what the GMO subcommittee has been discussing.

Ms. Meyer asked the committee if anyone had any comments on the pilot program, or the Description of Tasks document that will be sent to Secretary Ross for review.

A question was raised as to whether there was a possibility to add to the list of commodities to be tested. Ms. Meyer explained that the GMO subcommittee had extensively discussed and determined which commodities to be tested based on their high risk of GMO contamination. It was decided that there will be no new additions to the list at this time.

Committee members asked the SOP (State organic Program) to confirm the European Union GMO threshold level, which is the threshold level Proposed for enforcement activities. Mr. Lee confirmed that the threshold level was 0.9% and not 0.09%.

Mr. Sean Swezey asked if the report will be made available to the committee before it is available to the public. Mr. Lee assured the committee that they will see the report before it is made public.

Ms. Meyer asked if anyone had any more comments or questions. She then asked for a motion to recommend the approved GMO Testing Pilot Project to Secretary Ross.

MOTION: Ione Conlan moved to send the recommendation for the GMO Pilot Project to Secretary Ross. Bridget Montesanti seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

ITEM 3: NOP POLICY MEMO 11-13: GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

There was no discussion or questions regarding the National Organic Program policy memo.

ITEM 4: NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

ITEM 6: NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held September 23, 2015 in Sacramento, CA.

ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Melody Meyer adjourn the meeting at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Danny Lee, Supervising Special Investigator
State Organic Program