

OLIVE OIL COMMISSION OF CALIFORNIA

GRADE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

FRIDAY
JANUARY 10, 2025
10:00 a.m.

OOCC
2565 Alluvial Avenue, Suite 152
Clovis, CA 93611

Zoom Information
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84328606499>

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Mary Mori called the meeting of the Grade and Standards Committee to order at 10:03 a.m. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Bruce GOLINO	-	OOCC
Mary MORI	-	California Olive Ranch
Jon SCIABICA	-	Sciabica Family California Olive Oil
David GARCI-AGUIRRE	-	Corto Olive
Chris CALVERT	-	Ciarlo Fruit and Nut
Natalia RUIZ	-	Modern Olives Laboratory Services
Shirley LI	-	UC Davis

STAFF:

Todd SANDERS	-	Olive Oil Commission of California
Ethan CRANMER	-	Olive Oil Commission of California
Mary McDONNELL	-	Olive Oil Commission of California
Janette RAMOS	-	Olive Oil Commission of California

GUESTS

Dennis MANDERFIELD	-	CDFA
Ann GROTTVEIT	-	Kahn, Soares & Conway
Jackie KENNEDY	-	Kennedy Ranch
Alexandria KICENIK	-	CalAthena

Having received a sufficient number of Directors a quorum was established.

- **MOVED by GOLINO, duly seconded by GARCI-AGUIRRE, and unanimously carried THAT the minutes of September 4, 2024, be approved as presented. (MOTION 1-10-25 #1)**

II. CHAIRWOMAN'S COMMENTS

Chair Mary Mori stated she is excited for this year, and was given good advice from Bruce Golino behind the scenes as Chair. The hope this year is to focus on the Handler discussion, the sampling testing, and the Enforcement of the Standard, and the CDFA testing. Additionally, making sure that the right Handlers are being inspected, tested, and compliant with the OCCC.

III. GUIDANCE ON USE BY DATING - ACTION

The packet contained a revised version of the Guidance on Use By Dating document. The main changes pertain to adding 'Induction Time' to the list of required tests. Once approved, OCCC staff will add the revised document to the website.

- **MOVED by GARCI-AGUIRRE, duly seconded by CALVERT, and unanimously carried THAT the committee recommend to the full Board of Directors to adopt the Guidance on Use By Dating document as presented. (MOTION 1-10-25 #2)**

IV. HANDLER COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

- i. Modification of Handler Definition - ACTION

A revised version of the OCCC Law with proposed changes to Article 2, Section 79818 that modify the definition of a handler to include toll processors. The Executive Committee will be reviewing other changes that can be seen in the strikethrough that are focused on the structure of the Commission. If approved by the Board of Directors, OCCC staff will be working with Kahn, Soares, and Conway to revise the OCCC law through the CA legislature. The changes would not take effect until January 1, 2026.

- **MOVED by GOLINO, duly seconded by CALVERT, and unanimously carried THAT the Committee recommend to the Board of Directors to adopt the changes, as presented, to modify the definition of a handler in the OCCC Law, with the understanding that changes to the definition in the OCCC law will cascade into other OCCC operational documents such as the Bylaws. (MOTION 1-10-25 #3)**

ii. Milling Reporting Requirements – **ACTION**

There was a notice to handlers in the packet regarding their Milling Reporting Requirements (previously referred to as the Notice to File). If approved by the Committee and the Board of Directors, this notice will be sent to all handlers with the intent being to ensure that the OOC has a comprehensive handlers list to enforce both assessments and quality standards.

- **MOVED by GARCI-AGUIRRE, duly seconded by GOLINO, and unanimously carried THAT the Committee recommend to the Board of Directors the adoption of the Milling Reporting Requirements notice to be sent out to the entire industry by OOC Staff. (MOTION 1-10-25 #4)**

iii. Form A Update - **ACTION**

The packet contained a revised version of both Form A and Form B. These were reformed to capture toll processors

- **MOVED by GOLINO, duly seconded by CALVERT, and unanimously carried THAT the Committee recommend to the Board of Directors to adopt the revised Form A and B as presented. (MOTION 1-10-25 #5)**

V. OLIVE OIL DAY

i. Speaker Recommendations

OOCC Standards Topics:

- Waste Streams (pomace specifically and what research is going on): David Garci-Aguirre, Logan Jennings from COR, Selina Wang.
- Sustainability/packaging recyclability and the regulations around this: Mary Mori
- Contaminants (a lot is going in the EU that will make its way to the U.S. PFAS, MOAH/MOSH, phthalates, etc): Selina Wang/Mary Mori and maybe others in a panel
- Off Shelf Testing: Selina Wang

OOCC Research Topics:

- Regenerative Ag. Panel: Benina Montes, Frank Olagaray, Cindy Dailey, someone from Penny Newman
- Nurse Panel: Agromillora and Todolivo
- PCA/Pest Panel: John Post, Rich Adaskavich
- OOC Research Panel: Adaskaveg (olive knot/peacock spot), Giulia Marino (water), Louise Ferguson/Georgia Drakakaki (Accede)

ii. Olive Oil Conference Sponsorship Packet

The Olive Oil Conference Sponsorship Packet offers a unique opportunity for people to demonstrate their commitment to the growth and success of the olive oil industry. By becoming a sponsor, organizations can showcase their support for the industry's advancement, while also gaining valuable visibility and recognition within the olive oil community.

VI. SAMPLING PROGRAM

OCCC Staff is working with the CDFA to conduct the annual Sampling Program. The notice along with the modified Form A will be sent to the industry after the conclusion of the January 17th Board Meeting.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- Sanders announced staff member Elise Oliver will be leaving her employment at the end of January. Sanders, then formally introduced two new employees, Mary McDonnell, Program Supervisor, and Ethan Cranmer, Program Coordinator, for the Olive Oil Commission of California.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bruce Golino adjourned the meeting of the Grade and Standards Committee at 11:23 a.m.



Todd W. Sanders
Executive Director
Olive Oil Commission of California

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS FOR January 10, 2025

MOTION 1-10-25 #1

APPROVED

MOVED by GOLINO, duly seconded by GARCI-AGUIRRE, and unanimously carried THAT the minutes of September 4, 2024, be approved as presented.

MOTION 1-10-25 #2

APPROVED

MOVED by GARCI-AGUIRRE, duly seconded by CALVERT, and unanimously carried THAT the committee recommend to the full Board of Directors to adopt the Guidance on Use By Dating document as presented.

MOTION 1-10-25 #3

APPROVED

MOVED by GOLINO, duly seconded by CALVERT, and unanimously carried THAT the Committee recommend to the Board of Directors to adopt the changes, as presented, to modify the definition of a handler in the OOC Law, with the understanding that changes to the definition in the OOC Law will cascade into other OOC operational documents such as the Bylaws.

MOTION 1-10-25 #4

APPROVED

MOVED by GARCI-AGUIRRE, duly seconded by CALVERT, and unanimously carried THAT the Committee recommend to the Board of Directors the adoption of the Milling Reporting Requirements notice to be sent out to the entire industry by OOC Staff.

MOTION 1-10-25 #5

APPROVED

MOVED by GOLINO, duly seconded by CALVERT, and unanimously carried THAT the Committee recommend to the full Board of Directors to adopt the revised Form A and B as presented.