CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE
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## CALIFORNIA STATE ORGANIC PROGRAM
(ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC)

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS

### Proposed Organic Registration Fee and Category Updates

The California State Organic Program (SOP) seeks authority to adjust organic registration fees and to update fee categories as recommended by the California Organic Products Advisory Committee (COPAC). These proposed changes are necessary to stabilize the program funding, ensure long-term financial viability, and support the continued statewide administration and enforcement of organic standards and requirements.

The SOP will hold four virtual public listening sessions to gather feedback on the proposed Organic program registration fee changes and category updates. Session dates and virtual meeting information are provided below:

**Session 1** **Tuesday, November 10, 2026**
**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Zoom Meeting ID: 165 402 4285
Passcode: SOPLS1126!
Dial-in Phone Number: (833) 435-1820 (Passcode: 4417787380)
Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1654024285?pwd=MDbd8igVMdafAfa1QiT3KvlyRQ54HT.1

**Session 2** **Wednesday, November 18, 2026**
**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Zoom Meeting ID: 165 482 4778
Passcode: SOPLS1126!
Dial-in Phone Number: (833) 435-1820 (Passcode: 0386453576)
Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1654824778?pwd=ySNWgqcVTk30UZymmFBolUFqCfXJhQ.1

**Session 3** **Wednesday, November 18, 2026** **Spanish Only**
**3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Zoom Meeting ID: 165 350 2239
Passcode: SOPLS1126!
Dial-in Phone Number: (833) 435-1820 (Passcode: 2317959437)
Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1653502239?pwd=qIIodjaEOBQ77DvuuC7bc3tr3dAehU.1

**Session 4** **Thursday, November 19, 2026**
**7:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

Zoom Meeting ID: 165 888 8554
Passcode: SOPLS1126!
Dial-in Phone Number: (833) 435-1820 (Passcode: 0386453576)
Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1658888554?pwd=exb6ZW2yus7t0Lipix6OvqVipaP0YP.1

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# Public Listening Session Agenda

Items

(1) CALIFORNIA STATE ORGANIC PROGRAM (SOP) BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

(2) SOP FUNDING CHALLENGES

(3) CALIFORNIA ORGANIC PRODUCTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FEE PROPOSAL

(4) PUBLIC COMMENT

(5) ADJOURNMENT

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public are encouraged to provide comment to the California State Organic Program. While the Program values the participation of the public, it reserves the right to limit the time for public comment to a maximum of five (5) minutes per speaker to ensure all interested parties have an opportunity to be able to be heard and to allow the meeting to proceed according to the agenda.

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The notice, agenda, and supporting materials will be posted in advance on the CDFA SOP website: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/organicprogram/education.html.