



**California Olive Committee**  
**RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

**AUGUST 7, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**San Joaquin County Agricultural Center**  
**2101 E. Earhart Ave.**  
**Stockton, CA 95206**

**Zoom/Conference Call**  
<http://US02web.zoom.us/j/81880432234>

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dennis Burreson called the meeting of the Research Subcommittee to order at 9:13 a.m. The following Research Committee members were present:

a. Roll Call

**Members**

Michael Silveira  
Andy Weinrich  
Michael Stokes  
Giulio Zavolta  
Pat Ricchiuti  
Galen Pfeiffer  
Mark Heuer  
Dennis Burreson  
John Pieretti  
Tomas Masanes Autard  
Julia Tinsley  
Phil Quigley

**Affiliation:**

Producer  
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**STAFF**

Todd Sanders  
Michelle Borges  
Mary McDonnell  
Ethan Cranmer  
Janette Ramos

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**GUESTS**

Abby Maharaj  
Jacob Peters

USDA  
Producer Member



b. Establish Quorum

With the appropriate number of members from producers and handlers in, a quorum was established.

c. Approval of Previous Minutes – **ACTION**

- **MOVED by RICCHIUTI, duly seconded by PFEIFFER, and carried THAT the minutes for November 13, 2024, be approved as presented. (MOTION 8-7-25 #1)**

**II. REVIEW OF 2024 RESEARCH FINAL REPORTS**

**2024 RESEARCH PROJECTS FOR THE CALIFORNIA OLIVE COMMITTEE**

- Projects in **red** had No Cost Extensions and are now complete. Final Reports were in the packet.

Researcher	Project	Amount	No Cost Extension
Dr. Jim Adaskaveg	Management of Foliar Diseases-A. Olive Knot and B. Evaluation of New Fungicides For Control of Olive Leaf Spot*	\$13,715	
Dr. Jim Adaskaveg	Epidemiology and Management of Olive Knot Caused by Pseudomonas Savastanoi pv. Savastanoi*	\$21,150	
<b>Carol Lovatt and Elizabeth Fichtner</b>	<b>Integrating Alternate Bearing Mitigation Strategies in a Commercial Table Olive Orchard</b>	\$33,825	6/30/2025
<b>Georgia Drakakaki, Becky Wheeler Dykes, and Leslie J Nickels Trust</b>	<b>Evaluation of Effects of Accede (ACC) on Tree Architecture, and Harvester Type on Enhancing Horticultural Maturity and Abscission Zone Development and Commercial Trunk Shaking Efficiency in Table Olives**</b>	\$131,380	6/30/2025
<b>Rodrigo Almeida</b>	<b>Survey of Xylella Fastidiosa Diversity within California Olive Trees</b>	\$29,752	6/30/2025
Jim Stewart	Southern San Joaquin Valley Olive Fruit Fly Monitoring	\$12,000	
Ernie Simpson	Sacramento Valley Olive Fruit Monitor Project	\$9,250	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$251,072</b>	

\*Projects co-funded by the Olive Oil Commission of California.

\*\*Project that Valent has contributed \$8,500 to, reducing fiscal impact to \$122,880.

**III. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The COC will be applying for research related grants in the upcoming grant cycle. Applications are due in September. Staff is seeking feedback on grant topics.



#### IV. PRODUCT REGISTRATION UPDATE

Product	Active Ingredient	Registrant	Status
Danitol 2.4 EC	Fenprothrin	Valent	2ee is active and ready to use. Please see following page for more information.
Kasugamycin	Kasumin 2L	United Phosphorous, Inc.	Approval to submit Kasumin 2L on olives concurrently. It cannot be approved until they receive EPA registration. However, the submission is in progress.
Syllit	Dodine	United Phosphorous, Inc.	Currently at CDPR- on the most approved label it lists olives, the use is not registered in CA.
Ph-D	Poloxin	United Phosphorous, Inc.	New stamped label was received earlier this month. It will begin the process of being updated on Agrarian and Crop Data management Systems.

**Section 18: OFFR COC Staff** has prepared a letter of support for a Section 18 Emergency Exemption request for the use of Arino Insecticide and Nematicide to help manage olive fruit fly pressure. This year, unusually high olive fruit fly populations combined with limited availability of GF-120 (active ingredient: spinosad) have put the industry at significant risk. Arino offers a viable alternative with strong efficacy, a novel mode of action, and a favorable fit for California olive production systems. The COC’s letter emphasizes the urgency of the situation and the potential economic and agronomic impact if effective tools are not made available.

#### V. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF 2026 RESEARCH PRIORITIES – ACTION

- Each year the Research Subcommittee sets priorities of research they would like executed on their behalf for the following year. These efforts are to fund more specific and calculated research to enhance the benefits to the industry. Once the priorities are set, they are provided to the University of California liaisons to request proposals from researchers. Additionally,

priorities are distributed to land grant universities across the nation and to private research facilities. Proposals will be reviewed for funding in November by the subcommittee.

#### 2025 RESEARCH PROJECTS FOR THE CALIFORNIA OLIVE COMMITTEE

	Researcher	Project	Amount
1	Dr. Jim Adaskaveg*	Epidemiology and Management of Olive Knot Caused by <i>Pseudomonas Savastanoi</i> pv. <i>Savastanoi</i>	\$15,490
2	Carol Lovatt and Elizabeth Fichtner	Integrating Alternate Bearing Mitigation Strategies in a Commercial Table Olive Orchard	\$34,984



## RIPE OLIVES

ENJOYED BY FAMILIES EVERYWHERE

3	Georgia Drakakaki and Becky Wheeler Dykes	Evaluation of effects of Accede (ACC) at Two Different Application Rates on Enhancing Horticultural Maturity and Abscission Zone Development and Commercial Trunk Shaking Efficiency in table Olives	\$115,129.20
4	Rodrigo Almeida and Franklin Lewis	Survey of Xylella fastidiosa diversity within California olive trees	\$31,151
5	Jim Stewart	Southern San Joaquin Valley Olive Fruit Fly Monitoring	\$12,000
6	Ernie Simpson	Sacramento Valley Olive Fruit Monitor Project	\$12,500
7	Elizabeth Fichtner	Designing a Web App for Predicting Risk of Olive Fruit Fly- a Tool for California Olive Growers and Pest Control Advisors	\$19,860
8	Nicholas Manoukis	New Prospects for the Control of Black Scale in California Olive Groves	\$73,000
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$314,114.20</b>

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- **MOVED by RICCHIUTI, duly seconded by ZAVOLTA, and carried THAT the Research Subcommittee approve the 2025 Research Priorities for \$314,114.20. (MOTION 8-7-25 #2)**

### California Olive Committee Research Priorities for 2025

- Olive Fruit Fly Trapping
- OFF management techniques with an emphasis on examining new traps that attract flies. Also, OFF management techniques focused on needing a membrane and a new delivery system.
- Management of Olive Knot with an emphasis on developing new methods of control via soil applications. Management of Olive Knot focused on systemic rather than topical treatments.
- Management of Peacock Spot
- Evaluation of drone technology and satellite mapping pertaining to moisture evaluation and crop load estimates
- Mechanical harvesting on existing and new high-density orchards
- Development of Loosening Agents
- Olive DNA evaluation to distinguish between different varieties in the market place
- Chemical control of Glassy-winged sharpshooter/Leaf Hoppers
- Determine costs of preventative measures relating to the spread of Xylella-Fastidiosa (XF)
- Pollination assist techniques focused on Manzanillo/ Field measurement tool to determine optimal pollination timing
- Investigation of Urea as a thinning agent. What is the cost and optimal application rate? Where is it currently being used?
- Determine what research has already been conducted regarding sterilization of OFF
- Attract and Kill trap for Olive Fruit Fly
- Black Scale Control from a Natural Insect Pest
- GWSS research on mass trapping
- Biological research on Black Scale
- Why we have more Southern crop failures (*what's Changed*)
- Health claims for Canned Ripe Olives (*more information to backup health claims*)



**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Dennis Burreson adjourned the Research Subcommittee meeting at 9:50 a.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Sanders", is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Todd W. Sanders  
Executive Director  
California Olive Committee



**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS FOR AUGUST 7, 2025**

**Motion 8-7-25 #1**

**APPROVED**

**MOVED by RICCHIUTI, duly seconded by PFEIFFER, and carried THAT the minutes for November 13, 2024, be approved as presented.**

**Motion 8-7-25 #2**

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