CALIFORNIA OLIVE COMMITTEE

INSPECTION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST 4, 2026
11:00 a.m.

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

ZOOM/Conference Call
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88974953122

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Julia Tinsley called the meeting of the Inspection Subcommittee to order at 11:00 a.m., The following Inspection members were present:

a. Roll Call

Members	**Affiliation:**
Milo Gordon	Producer
Michael Stokes	Producer
Michael Silveira	Producer
Carolina Burreson	Producer
Rick Benson	Producer
Galen Pfeiffer	Producer
Julia Tinsley	Handler
Phil Quigley	Handler
Dennis Burreson	Handler
Tomas Masanes Autard	Handler
John Pieretti	Handler
Scott Hamilton	Handler

Staff	
Todd Sanders	California Olive Committee
Michelle Borges	California Olive Committee
Mary McDonnell	California Olive Committee
Ethan Cranmer	California Olive Committee
Janette Ramos	California Olive Committee

Guests

Jeffery Rymer	USDA
Timothy Richards, PH.D.	Arizona State University
Jacob Peters	Handler
Pat Ricchiuti	Handler

With a majority of the Subcommittee members present, a quorum was established.

b. Chairwoman's Comments

Chairwoman Julia Tinsley thanked everyone for attending in person and on zoom.

USDA Antitrust Statement

Jeffery Rymer of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) spoke on the Antitrust Law and Guidelines.

Vacancy

Chairwoman Julia Tinsley discussed adding Jacob Peters to the Inspection Subcommittee to fill this vacancy.

c. Approval of the previous minutes - ACTION

The minutes of the December 3, 2025, meeting was presented to the Board for approval.

- **MOVED BY PFEIFFER, duly seconded by STOKES, and unanimously carried THAT the minutes of December 3, 2025, be approved as presented. (Motion 8-4-26 #1)**

II. INCOMING AND OUTGOING 2026-2027 INSPECTION CHARTS - ACTION

On March 20, 2021, the Full Committee approved revisions to the Incoming and Outgoing Inspection Requirements, effective for the 2021 crop. The changes updated size classifications and inspection tolerances in response to an oversupply of small fruit. These changes remain in effect until the Committee decides to initiate a change.

- **MOVED BY BENSON, duly seconded by SILVERIRA, and unanimously carried THAT the Inspection Subcommittee approve the 2026-2027 incoming and outgoing inspection charts. (Motion 8-4-26 #2)**

III. 2026 IMPORT INSPECTION REPORT & INSPECTION FEES UPDATE

USDA provided the California Olive Committee with the 2026 Import Inspection Report and an update on inspection fees in advance of the Board meeting. The fees will remain the same.

IV. COC / USDA CALIBRRATION TRAINING

On May 7, 2026, COC hosted a USDA calibration training at the Musco Family Olive facility in Tracy, CA. Inspectors from across the US toured the facility and learned about the taste profiles of California ripe green and black olives while comparing them to imported olives. COC is continuing to work with the USDA Inspection team on continual education efforts to increase momentum on the failure rates of imported olives. Inspectors left this calibration training with a better understanding of the California olive industry and why import inspections are critical to the industry.

V. USDA FAILED IMPORTED LOTS REPORTING FREQUENCY REQUEST

At the request of the canners, staff has been working with USDA to increase the frequency of reporting for failed imported lots. The industry has requested that USDA provide this report every six months instead of annually to give canners better insight into import activity.

USDA has indicated that its primary challenge is the current paper-based reporting system, which makes more frequent reporting time-intensive. The current status is that USDA is reviewing the request and evaluating how more frequent reporting can be implemented. Staff will continue working on getting a more frequent reporting process established and will keep the Board updated on any developments.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Julia Tinsley adjourned the Inspection Subcommittee meeting at 11:16 a.m.



Todd W. Sanders
Executive Director
California Olive Committee

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS FOR AUGUST 4, 2026

MOTION 8-4-26 #1 **APPROVED**

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