



# County of San Diego

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Dear Beekeeper:

California Food and Agricultural Code Section 29040 states that each year by the first day of January and/or within 30 days of acquiring bees, all persons in possession of an apiary in the State are required to register their colonies and provide apiary location(s) to the County Agricultural Commissioner in the counties where the apiaries are placed.

If you have registered for 2014, we are enclosing a copy of the registration form with the number of hives and locations from 2014. Please update and correct the form to reflect any changes for 2015.

- Please return this corrected and signed registration form to us at the above address or e-mail a scanned copy to [tracy.ellis@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:tracy.ellis@sdcounty.ca.gov).
- If you have 10 or more colonies, please enclose a \$10.00 registration fee with the registration form.
- If you are a hobbyist (not in the business of beekeeping with nine or fewer colonies), or if another county holds your registration, there is no fee to register.
- If you are new to registration, you will find the form on the Agriculture, Weights and Measures (AWM) web site <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/awm/bees.html> where you will need to complete online, print for your signature, and return to AWM as above. You may also call 1-800-200-BEES (2337) to have the registration form mailed to you.
- On the lower section of the form, there is a "Request for Pesticide Notification" section. If you complete this section, you will be notified (when required by the pesticide label) before applications occur within one mile of your apiaries. This gives beekeepers an opportunity to stay informed and relocate apiaries when needed.

Your registration allows us to address complaints on bees and beekeepers much more easily by being able to let the complainant know that you are registered and legally keeping bees. Also, if the issue cannot be resolved over the phone with the complainant, we can contact you and readily resolve the issue. We also may contact you with regulatory information, ordinance changes or properties available for beekeeping.

Thank you in advance for submitting your apiary registration form with corrections for 2015 with a \$10.00 registration fee, if required. We appreciate your cooperation and participation. If you have any further questions please contact Dr. Tracy Ellis, County Entomologist, at (858) 614-7737 or [tracy.ellis@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:tracy.ellis@sdcounty.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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