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Dear Beekeeper:

This letter is to request that you register your apiary location (s) with us for the calendar year 2016. 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 exist. This registration requirement applies to all apiaries within all jurisdictions of the county.

There is a new San Diego County Regulatory Ordinance relating to Beekeeping and Apiaries in effect for 2016. This regulatory ordinance applies to apiaries located in the unincorporated areas of San Diego County; if you locate hives within the jurisdiction of one of the eighteen cities within the County, please check with your local jurisdiction. You may determine your jurisdiction by using our "Jurisdiction Finder" by typing in the apiary address at our website www.sdcountybees.org. We have enclosed several educational materials with this registration letter to help you understand the terms of the new ordinance, including:

- A copy of the new San Diego County Regulatory Ordinance on Beekeeping and Apiaries
- Three trifold brochures explaining Registration, Beekeeping Best Management Practices, and Sensitive Sites
- The 2016 BMP Checklist to be signed and submitted with registration depending on your Apiary Tier: A, B, or C—only required for apiaries located in the unincorporated areas of the county
- The 2015 San Diego County Crop Report Questionnaire
- A request from UCSD researcher Dr. Kohn for a bee sample from your hives for his studies

On the lower section of the form there is a "Request for Pesticide Notification" section. Please complete this section if you would like to be notified when pesticide applications may occur within one mile of your apiaries as required by the label. This gives you an opportunity to relocate apiaries when needed.

We have enclosed a list of the number of hives and locations if you have previously registered with us. Please update and make corrections to the list for any changes for 2016, and include your email address. If you have nine or fewer colonies, there is no fee to register. If you have 10 or more colonies, and are not registered in another county, please enclose a \$10.00 registration fee. If you are in the unincorporated county please also enclose the BMP Checklist. The required registration and BMP documents may be scanned and emailed to us at tracy.ellis@sdcounty.ca.gov. Mail may be sent to ATTN: BEES to the above address.

We want to help you understand the new ordinance requirements. We may contact you to set up an apiary inspection or you may contact us for a voluntary inspection to be certain you comply with the new ordinance in 2016. Please call us at 1-800-200-BEES (2337) and check the information posted at www.sdcountybees.org, contact Entomologist Dr. Tracy Ellis at (858) 614-7737 or tracy.ellis@sdcounty.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for submitting your complete apiary registration form, your signed BMP Checklist, as well as a \$10.00 registration fee, if required. Thank you very much for your cooperation and participation.

Sincerely,

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