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## 2017 Beekeeper Registration Notice

The California Food and Agricultural Code Section 29040 requires all beekeepers in the State to register each year by the first day of January and/or within 30 days of acquiring bees with the County Agricultural Commissioner where the apiaries exist. This registration requirement applies statewide to all commercial and non-commercial apiaries.

The San Diego County Bee Ordinance is in effect to promote urban beekeeping while protecting public safety. This Ordinance applies only to apiaries located in the unincorporated areas of San Diego County. If you operate hives within the jurisdiction of one of the eighteen cities within the County, please check with your local jurisdiction. You can find out your jurisdiction by using our “Jurisdiction Finder” at our website [www.sdcountybees.org](http://www.sdcountybees.org).

To register your colonies, the following forms must be completed and returned by email or postal mail:

- Completed and signed 2017 Registration Form.
- A check for \$10 if you have ten or more hives. There is no fee for nine or fewer hives.
- Completed and signed 2017 BMP Checklist depending on your Apiary Tier: A, B, or C – if your apiaries are located in the unincorporated areas of the County.

The following items are included as information only:

- Registration, Beekeeping Best Management Practices, and Sensitive Sites brochures.
- A summary of the revised San Diego County Bee Ordinance.
- 2016 San Diego County Crop Report Questionnaire. Your participation helps to show the economic importance of beekeeping in San Diego County’s agriculture.
- A request from Dr. Kohn, UCSD Researcher, for a bee sample from your hives for his research project on Africanization of honey bees.

Reminders:

- If you have previously registered with us, we have enclosed a list of the number of hives and locations for your convenience. Please update and make corrections to the list to reflect any changes for 2017 and include your email address.
- Please complete the “Request for Pesticide Notification” section on the Registration form if you would like to be notified when pesticide applications harmful to bees may occur within one mile of your apiaries as required by the label. This gives you an opportunity to relocate apiaries when needed.
- The required registration and BMP Checklist may be scanned and emailed to us at [WEB6.AWM@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:WEB6.AWM@sdcounty.ca.gov). Postal Mail may be sent to ATTN: BEES to the above address.

You may contact us to request an inspection to be certain you comply with the regulatory requirements in 2017. If you have any question, please call the Bee Hotline at 1-800-200-BEES (2337) or Apiary Inspector Jaime Garza at (858) 614-7739 or [jaime.garza@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:jaime.garza@sdcounty.ca.gov). Additional information is also available at [www.sdcountybees.org](http://www.sdcountybees.org).