



March 4, 2013

Mr. Greg Cox, Chairperson
San Diego County Board of Supervisors
County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Chairperson Cox:

On February 27, 2013, the U.S. Department of Agriculture granted a Secretarial disaster designation for the primary counties of **Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Lassen, Los Angeles, Modoc, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino,** and **Tulare** and the contiguous counties of **Alpine, Imperial, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Orange, Plumas, San Benito, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tuolumne,** and **Ventura**. This designation is a result of the final rule announced for the USDA Disaster Designation Process (7 CFR 759), which includes the nearly automatic approval for counties with drought intensity levels of D2 (for 8 consecutive weeks), D3, and D4 as reported on the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The California Emergency Management Agency is providing the enclosed information regarding this designation. Please inform potential applicants throughout your county of this designation and information.

Sincerely,

KARMA HACKNEY
Individual Assistance Officer

Enclosure

c: San Diego County Office of Emergency Services
San Diego County Agricultural Commissioner
Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
John Rowden, Emergency Management Coordinator, CDFA
Cal EMA Recovery Division
Cal EMA Regional Administrator
Cal EMA Individual Assistance

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Designation USDA #S3491 - D2, D3, D4 Drought

**Designation
Information**

The following table illustrates the designation information.

Eligible Primary County(s):	Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Lassen, Los Angeles, Modoc, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino, Tulare
Eligible Contiguous County(s):	Alpine, Imperial, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Orange, Plumas, San Benito, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tuolumne, Ventura
Event:	Final rule for the USDA Disaster Designation Process (7 CFR 759), which includes the nearly automatic approval for counties with drought intensity levels of D2 (for 8 consecutive weeks), D3, and D4 as reported on the U.S. Drought Monitor. Incident Period: January 1, 2013, through February 25, 2013
Assistance made available by designation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency farm loans for actual losses as a direct result of the disaster • Up to a maximum of \$500,000 • Interest rate 2.125 percent
Application deadline:	October 28, 2013
Who may apply:	Farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations
How to apply:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office listed in the local telephone directory under U.S. Government, Agriculture • Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD)
USDA website for additional information:	www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm