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## INVITATION - FEE PACKAGE WORKSHOPS

The County of San Diego Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures (Department) is committed to support consumer confidence and a fair marketplace while providing quality services in a cost-effective manner.

The Fee Package for Fiscal Year 2019-20 represents the Department's commitment to the County Board of Supervisors by adhering to the County's cost recovery policy as regular part of doing business, while providing affected customers an opportunity to plan for fee increases. After completing an annual cost review, the Department is proposing increases to 6 fees, while leaving 48 fees unchanged. Increases in fees range from \$3 to \$5 for an overall adjustment of approximately 2%.

We will present the following fee adjustments for the Price Verification Program on April 10, 2019 to the County Board of Supervisors for approval to be effective July 1, 2019. The fee adjustments are as follows:

Price Verification Annual Registration	Current Fee	New Fee	Change
<b>Tier 1 Registration</b> (1-3 Point-of-Sale Stations)	\$140	\$143	\$3
<b>Tier 2 Registration</b> (4-9 Point-of-Sale Stations)	\$192	\$196	\$4
<b>Tier 3 Registration</b> (10 or more Point-of-Sale Stations)	\$240	\$245	\$5
Re-inspection Hourly Rate for non-compliance	\$150	\$155	\$5

You are invited to attend an informational workshop so we may provide you additional information and answer your questions. The workshop content is the same with two different dates and locations listed below to accommodate your schedule.

When: Tuesday, March 19, 2019  
Time: **3 PM – 4 PM**  
Address: North Inland Live Well Center (map enclosed)  
649 W. Mission Avenue, Escondido, CA 92025  
Conference Room D (map enclosed)  
Tel: (760) 752-4700

When: Wednesday, March 20, 2019  
Time: **10 AM – 11 AM**  
Address: County Operations Center  
5530 Overland Avenue, San Diego  
1st Floor, Room 124 (map enclosed)  
Tel: (858) 694-2778

We value your participation on our Fee Package. If you have questions, please call (858) 694-2778 or email Deputy Sealer Marco Mares at [Marco.Mares@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Marco.Mares@sdcounty.ca.gov).

### **1. Why is the Department requesting the fee adjustments?**

Based on the Board of Supervisors and affected stakeholders' feedback from last year's fee adjustment proposal, the Department implemented an annual cost review process to show the department's commitment to the Board in adhering to the County's cost recovery policy as regular part of business, while providing affected stakeholders an opportunity to plan for fee increases. The required cost recovery policy is applicable to services that are offered to specific individuals or entities who benefit from these services and are responsible for all the associated costs. This is to ensure those benefiting from the services pay for them, rather than the public.

### **2. What has the Department done to contain costs?**

The practice of focusing on continuous improvement, implementing operational efficiencies, and prioritizing resources in key areas has positioned AWM to respond to regulatory changes and customer needs. AWM's continued success is also attributed to effective working relationships with various stakeholders. AWM strives to enhance programs to be effective and efficient in achieving positive outcomes and making a collective impact.

### **3. How was the fee package developed?**

The Department conducted an analysis of its programs including a review of state mandates, program operations, inspection frequencies, service levels, and benchmarking to obtain a comprehensive understanding of how the department's fees compare to other similar counties. The Department considered the projected program costs for Fiscal Year 2019-20, cost savings due to operational efficiencies, and available offset funding sources to determine the proposed fee adjustments. The County Auditor and Controller reviewed the supporting documentation and the methodology in this proposal to ensure compliance with County policies.

Thank you