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Para información en español sobre registraci3n de abejas, llame al 1-800-200-BEES (2337).

2023 Beekeeper Registration Notice

The California Food and Agricultural Code Section 29040 requires all beekeepers in the State to register each year with their local County Agricultural Commissioner by the first day of January or within 30 days of acquiring a bee colony. This means that if you are a beekeeper with an apiary in any area within the County of San Diego, whether commercial or non-commercial, you are required to renew your registration by January 1, 2023.

If your apiary is in the unincorporated areas of the county, the County of San Diego Bee Ordinance regulations and Best Management Practices (BMP) checklist apply. If your apiary is in one of the eighteen incorporated cities within the county (for example, City of San Diego, City of Escondido, City of El Cajon, etc.), that respective city's beekeeping regulations apply. You can determine the jurisdiction in which your apiary is located using the "Jurisdiction Finder Map" at our website www.sdcountybees.org.

Steps to register your apiary:

1. Provide your apiary locations and number of bee colonies either
 - a) electronically using the secure BeeWhere website <https://beewhere.calagpermits.org/>
 - OR
 - b) by completing the enclosed 2023 Apiary Registration form and returning to us by email (Labs.AWM@sdcounty.ca.gov) or postal mail:

**County of San Diego
Dept. of Agriculture, Weights & Measures
Attn: Apiary Program
9325 Hazard Way, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123**

Whether you register electronically using BeeWhere or by paper form, your apiary locations will be uploaded to the BeeWhere website. The enclosed Apiary Registration form includes your previous registration information on file; please make corrections to reflect any changes for 2023 either on the BeeWhere website or directly on the paper form.

2. If your apiaries are in the unincorporated areas of the county, complete and sign the 2023 BMP checklist for your Apiary Tier level: A (1-2 hives), B (3-20 hives), or C (21 hives or more), and return to us by email or postal mail.

No registration fees are being charged at this time due to a regulatory update.

California Assembly Bill 719 (<https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AB719/2021>) recently revised section 29044 of the California Food and Agricultural Code (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=FAC§ionNum=29044.) to require an annual registration fee of up to \$250 to be identified in regulation. The California Department of Food and Agriculture is working with the Apiary Board to establish a proposed fee schedule for apiary registration. There will be no registration fees collected until the schedule has been finalized in regulation. You will be notified when a registration fee has been established and becomes due.

As part of the registration process, beekeepers can request to be notified by a grower or commercial pesticide applicator at least 48 hours in advance of a planned application of a pesticide labeled toxic to bees onto a blossoming plant within one mile of the apiary location. Applicators conduct these ‘bee checks’ using the BeeWhere website or through our office.

You may contact our office to request an inspection to help you comply with the regulatory requirements. If you have any questions, please call the Bee Hotline at *1-800-200-BEES (2337)* or email Labs.AWM@sdcountry.ca.gov. For more helpful information on beekeeping in San Diego County, visit the University of California Cooperative Extension website <https://ucanr.edu/sites/sandiegobees/>.

We look forward to supporting your beekeeping activities, protecting the health of honey bees and the public. Thank you.

Encl.

2023 Apiary Registration Form

BMP Checklist (if applicable – apiaries in unincorporated areas only)

San Diego County Crop Report Questionnaire (only for commercial beekeepers)



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Apiary Registration and Beekeeper Pesticide Notification Form

California Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) sections §29000 et seq. establish regulations for apiaries that are enforced by the California Department of Food and Agriculture and County Agricultural Commissioners. Apiaries are also regulated under San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances, Title 6 and Division 2, Chapter 9 relating to Bees and Apiaries.

FAC §29040 requires all beekeepers in the State to register each year with their local County Agricultural Commissioner. Registration is due January 1st or within 30 calendar days of acquiring an apiary and expires December 31st each year (FAC §29040). **No registration fees are being charged at this time due to a regulatory update** (see next page for more information).

To register, mail your completed form to the Agricultural Commissioner's office at above address (ATTN: Apiary Program) or by email to Labs.AWM@sdcounty.ca.gov. Online registration is also available through <https://beewhere.calagpermits.org>.

APIARY REGISTRATION SECTION

Business Name:	
Contact Name:	
Mailing Address:	
City/State:	
Zip Code:	
Email Address:	
Phone number:	

Please check this box if you no longer have bees in San Diego County.

Please complete all fields for each of your apiary locations in San Diego County.

No. Colonies	Nearest Community	Thomas Bros. Map Page or GPS Coordinates	Give physical address, location description to the nearest landmarks, side of road, position	In use <input type="checkbox"/>

REQUEST FOR PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION SECTION (Optional)

Beekeepers may request to be notified by a grower or commercial pesticide applicator at least 48 hours in advance of a planned application of a pesticide labeled toxic to bees onto a blossoming plant within one mile of the apiary location (Title 3 California Code of Regulations §6983 and FAC §29101). Please indicate phone number(s) and at least a two-hour time frame during which you and/or an official alternate contact can be reached by pesticide applicator.

Phone Number(s)	Timeframe (minimum 2 hrs/day)	Contact Person

I request to be notified and will be available at my expense at the phone number(s) and notification time frame indicated above. I understand that if I fail to submit this request in writing with accurate locations of apiaries at least 72-hours before requesting notification, I may not be entitled to recover damages for any injury from pest control operations. Also, I will not recover damages if I fail to properly post an identification sign at my apiaries or if I am not available for notification at the hours I have designated above. I understand that this request for notification EXPIRES with my Registration on December 31st of this year.

By signing below I hereby certify all information on this form to be true and correct.

Beekeeper Printed Name Signature Date

County Representative Printed Name Signature Date

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OPT-IN FOR ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION OF APIARY REGISTRATION RENEWAL

Please check this box and provide an email address if you would like to receive a renewal packet ONLY by email in future years, starting next year. If you select this option, you can opt-out again at any time by contacting us at Labs.AWM@sdcounty.ca.gov or 1-800-200-2337.

Yes, I would like to receive this packet electronically in future years.

Email address/es: _____

Return this form by postal mail with your registration renewal or scan and email to Labs.AWM@sdcounty.ca.gov

Registration renewal packets will continue to be sent by postal mail if this form is not returned to us.