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TO: Our Valued Customer

FROM: Ha Dang, Sealer of Weights and Measures

SUBJECT: POINT-OF-SALE SYSTEM ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES, RE-INSPECTION HOURLY RATE

The County of San Diego Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures (AWM) is committed to supporting a fair marketplace and consumer confidence while providing responsive and high quality service to our customers.

After completing the annual cost review of all AWM fees, AWM is proposing no changes to the point-of-sale annual registration fees and the reinspection hourly rate. Greater efficiency and cost containment have allowed AWM to maintain fees at their current level.

AWM will present the following proposal on April 8, 2020 to the County Board of Supervisors for approval effective July 1, 2020.

| Tier | Current Fee Effective July 1, 2019 | New Fee Effective July 1, 2020 |
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| 1 (1-3 Point-of-Sale Stations) | \$143 | \$143 |
| 2 (4-9 Point-of-Sale Stations) | \$196 | \$196 |
| 3 (10 or more Point-of-Sale Stations) | \$245 | \$245 |
| Re-inspection Hourly Rate | \$155 | \$155 |

Frequently Asked Questions are on the next page. If you have questions or want additional clarification, please contact Deputy Sealer Garrett Cooper by phone at (858) 614-7726 or by email at: garrett.cooper@sdcounty.ca.gov. Thank you for your continued effort to comply with the County Consumer Confidence Protection Act that supports consumer confidence and a fair marketplace.

1. Why AWM requested the current fees be maintained?

To continue providing responsive and high quality services to our customers; align with state regulatory changes; and meet the Board's policy to recover our costs.

2. What has AWM done to contain costs?

Since the approval of the last fee proposal, AWM has contained cost increases through process improvements such as reducing inspection travel time; optimizing documentation and reporting technology; and automating our compliance action process.

3. How were the proposed fees developed?

AWM's fee development process started with a comprehensive analysis of services, cost drivers, funding sources, and benchmarking comparisons with other counties. We used a standardized fiscal methodology that complied with existing cost policies and procedures. The County Auditor and Controller reviewed and approved the methodology and the supporting documentation used to determine the proposed fees. AWM will review fees periodically and determine if an adjustment will be needed. If needed, AWM will inform stakeholders and return to the Board of Supervisors for approval.