



March 10, 2017

Ms. Dianne Jacob, Chairperson
San Diego County Board of Supervisors
County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335
San Diego, California 92101

Subject: U.S. Department of Agriculture Designation

Dear Chairperson Jacob:

On March 3, 2017, the U.S. Department of Agriculture granted a Secretarial disaster designation for the primary county of **Imperial** and the contiguous counties of **Riverside** and **San Diego**. 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 Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is providing the enclosed information regarding this designation. Please inform potential applicants throughout your county of this designation and information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karma Hackney". The signature is fluid and cursive.

KARMA HACKNEY
Individual Assistance Officer

Enclosure

c: San Diego County Office of Emergency Services
San Diego County Agricultural Commissioner
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U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Designation USDA #S4158 - D2, D3, D4 Drought

Designation Information

The following table illustrates the designation information.

Eligible Primary County/Counties:	Imperial
Eligible Contiguous County/Counties:	Riverside, San Diego
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, 2017
Assistance made available by designation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency farm loans for both physical and crop production losses as a direct result of the disaster • Up to a maximum of \$500,000
Application deadline:	November 3, 2017
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:	https://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=efl