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TO: Our Valued Customer

FROM: Ha Dang, Sealer of Weights and Measures

**SUBJECT: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEVICE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES,
INSPECTION HOURLY RATE, AND ORDINANCE CHANGES**

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.

On April 26, 2017, the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (Board) approved AWM's request for fee adjustments and ordinance changes.

Effective July 1, 2017, the following changes will be made:

- Elimination of the co-located fee category
- Streamlining of the delinquent fee structure by reducing this fee from the current 200% maximum fee to a one-time 50% fee to improve customer service and operational efficiency
- Adoption of the State's most current annual device registration fees when they are legislatively adjusted to streamline the current process of fee adjustments
- Adjustment of seven device type fees and inspection hourly rate for out-of-county submeter testing (see tables below)

Device Type	Current Fee Per Device	New Fee Per Device
Electric Submeter	\$2	\$3
Vapor (Gas) Submeter	\$2	\$4
Liquefied Petroleum Gas Meter	\$175	\$185
Odometer	\$20	\$60
Odometers (Non-Passenger) * Capped at \$340	\$20	\$60
Vehicle Meter	\$25	\$75
Wholesale Meter	\$25	\$75
Jewelry Scale	\$20	\$80

Inspection Hourly Rate	Current	New
Out-of-County Water Submeter Testing	\$70	\$143

Registration fee adjustment will occur at your next annual renewal. The \$100 Location Fee has remained the same.

More details about these changes are provided below. If you have questions or want additional clarification, please contact Deputy Sealer Marco Mares by phone at (858) 614-7726 or by email at: marco.mares@sdcountry.ca.gov. Thank you for your continued effort to support consumer confidence and a fair marketplace.

1. Why AWM requested the fee adjustments and ordinance changes?

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 eight years ago, 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; however, these measures can no longer keep up with the cost increases.

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.

4. How were affected customers notified of the proposed changes prior to the Board meetings?

As part of the fees development, outreach was conducted via postal mail, email, and online posting. Four outreach meetings were held in January 2017. Stakeholders who attended the meetings recognized the value of the services AWM provides.