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TO: Our Valued Customer

FROM: Ha Dang, Agricultural Commissioner

SUBJECT: PEST EXCLUSION, DIRECT MARKETING, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INVENTORY PROGRAM FEES AND ORDINANCE CHANGES

The County of San Diego Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures (AWM) is committed to supporting a thriving agricultural community and a balanced environment while providing responsive and high quality service to our customers.

On April 26, 2017 and May 3, 2017 the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (Board) approved AWM's request for fee adjustments and ordinance changes.

The revised fees for services are as follows:

Pest Exclusion Fees	Effective July 1, 2017	Effective July 1, 2018	Effective July 1, 2019
Certification of Plant Shipments for Quarantine Compliance	////////////////////	////////////////////	////////////////////
Domestic Plant Shipment Certification	\$40/certificate		
International Plant Shipment Certification	\$94/certificate		
Domestic Counter Service Certification	\$32/certificate		
International Counter Service Certification	\$68/certificate	\$72/certificate	\$75/certificate
Specialized Field Inspections, Including: Field Growing Season, Destination Point (Sealed Load), Export/Import Shipment Treatment/Inspection ⁽¹⁾	\$89/hour	\$109/hour	\$130/hour
After Hours Inspection (1 Hour Minimum) ⁽¹⁾	\$132/hour	\$163/hour	\$195/hour
Missed Appointment Fee	\$65		
Direct Marketing			
Certified Farmers' Market Certification	\$175/certificate/year		
Certified Producer's Certification	\$50/certificate/year		
Additional County Listing on Certified Producer's Certificate	\$9/certificate		
Certified Producer's Certificate Change or Addition	\$9/amended certificate		
Certified Producer Inspections ⁽¹⁾	\$94/hour	\$128/hour	\$161/hour
Certified Farmers' Market Inspections ⁽¹⁾	\$94/hour	\$128/hour	\$161/hour
Travel Zone Fee	Fee Eliminated		

⁽¹⁾ Includes travel time

Effective July 1, 2017, the annual Hazardous Materials Inventory Program (HazMat) fees will be replaced with a Base Registration fee for each location where reportable hazardous materials are stored and an Inventory Item Registration fee for each reportable item at each location. The new fees for HazMat are as follows:

Hazardous Materials	Effective July 1, 2017
Base Registration	\$488/year
Inventory Item Registration	\$102/item/year

Information regarding the fee changes:

1. Why did AWM request 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.

If you have questions or want additional clarification regarding the fees, please contact the following programs:

Pest Exclusion: Deputy Agricultural Commissioner Travis Elder by phone at (760) 752-4787 or by email at: Travis.Elder@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Direct Marketing: Deputy Agricultural Commissioner Karen Melvin by phone at (858) 583-9242 or by email at Karen.Melvin@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Hazardous Materials: Deputy Agricultural Commissioner Jose Arriaga by phone at (858) 614-7741 or by email at Jose.Arriaga@sdcounty.ca.gov.