

# Agriculture Weights & Measures Department

## Revised Fee Schedule Proposal

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# Fee Ordinance Overview

- In line with County's fee policy of full cost recovery for department services provided to public.
- Necessary to offset costs to provide services to agricultural and commercial businesses.
- Recommend a 3-year phase in period for most fees, to minimize impact to local industry.
- Maintain high level of customer service to industry without increasing County subsidy.
- Contracted MGT of America, Inc., consulting firm with expertise in local government fee analysis.
- Analysis & Proposed fees reviewed by Auditor's-Controller Office.

# Proposed Fee Ordinance Amendments

- **Phytosanitary Inspection Fee**
- **Direct Marketing Fees**
  - Certified Producer Certificate
  - Certified Farmer's Market
- **Weights & Measures Permit Fees**
  - Device Permits Fees
  - Point of Sale/Packer Permit Fees
- **Department Hourly Fee**



# Agricultural Fees

- **Certified Farmer's Market Permit** (current fee \$250)
  - Proposed Tier structure & 3-year phase-in
- **Certified Producer Certificate**
  - Annual fee (current \$25)
  - Increase per site fee (current \$15)
- **Certificate Amendments** (new fee)
- **Phytosanitary Inspections** (revised 2010)
  - Per Inspection (10 units or less) – current \$25
    - Proposed 3-year phase in
  - Per Inspection (11 or more units) –current \$40
    - Proposed 3-year phase in
- **Hourly Rate** (revised 2010) – current \$80
  - Proposed 3-year phase in



# Weights & Measures Fees

- **Point of Sale (Scanner) Permit Fees**
  - Established in county ordinance in 2012
  - Current Tier structure (1-3, 4-9, 10+)
  - Proposed 3-year phase in
- **Packer Permit Fee (current \$240)**
  - Established in county ordinance in 2012
  - Propose 3-year phase in
- **Device Permit Fees (attachment A, pgs. 5-7)**
  - Comprised of Location/Device fee
  - Last fee increase in 2012
  - Maximum fee amount established by State law (B&P Code 12240)



# Recommended Actions

## **That the Board of Supervisors:**

- Approve the introduction of an Ordinance amending the Agricultural Commissioner's Fee Schedule.
- Read the title, "Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 4832, the Agricultural Commissioner's Fee Schedule," and waive further reading of the Ordinance.
- Set a hearing to the Administrative Agenda of September 21, 2021, to consider the following recommendations:
  - Consider and approve the adoption (second reading) of "An Ordinance Amending the Ordinance No. 4832, The Agricultural Commissioner's Fee Schedule.
  - Find that the proposed actions are administrative activities of the County, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, as they are fees necessary to cover operating expenses, and are therefore not a "project" as defined for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15273(a)(1), 15378(b)(55) and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8)(A) and (B).