

Device Registration and Price Scanning System Fees



Santa Barbara County Department of
Agriculture and Weights & Measures

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Weights & Measures Proposals

Two proposals:

1. Create a sustainable **device** inspection program by aligning device registration fees with current costs and state law.



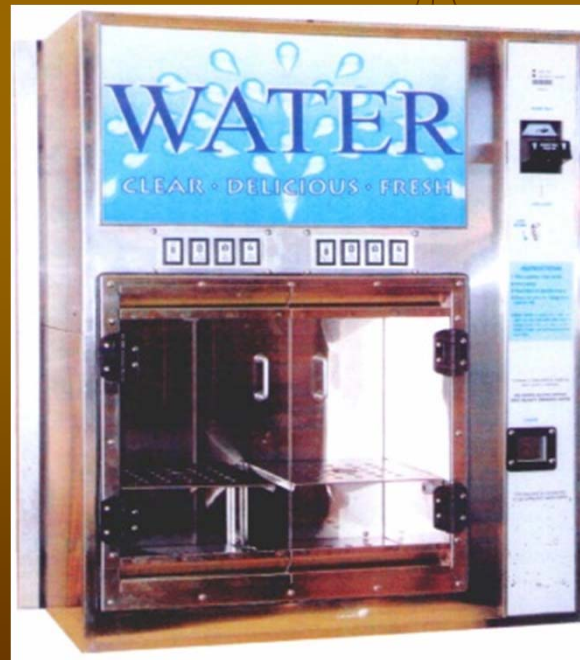
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2. Create a sustainable price scanner accuracy program.



BOS First Directive

Explore a Reduced Device Fee for Water Vending Machines (WVM).



Water Vending Machines



B&P Code 12210 mandates the inspection of all commercial devices each year

Consulted with:

Other County Agriculture Commissioner offices
Department of Measurement Standards
California Agricultural Commissioners Assoc.

SLO WVM Device Fees:

2012

Business Location Fee: \$80

Device Fee: \$20

2013

Business Location Fee: \$100

Device Fee: \$20

Water Vending Machine Statistics

213 WVM in SBC

2010

18% Failed Initial inspection

2011

14% Failed Initial Inspection

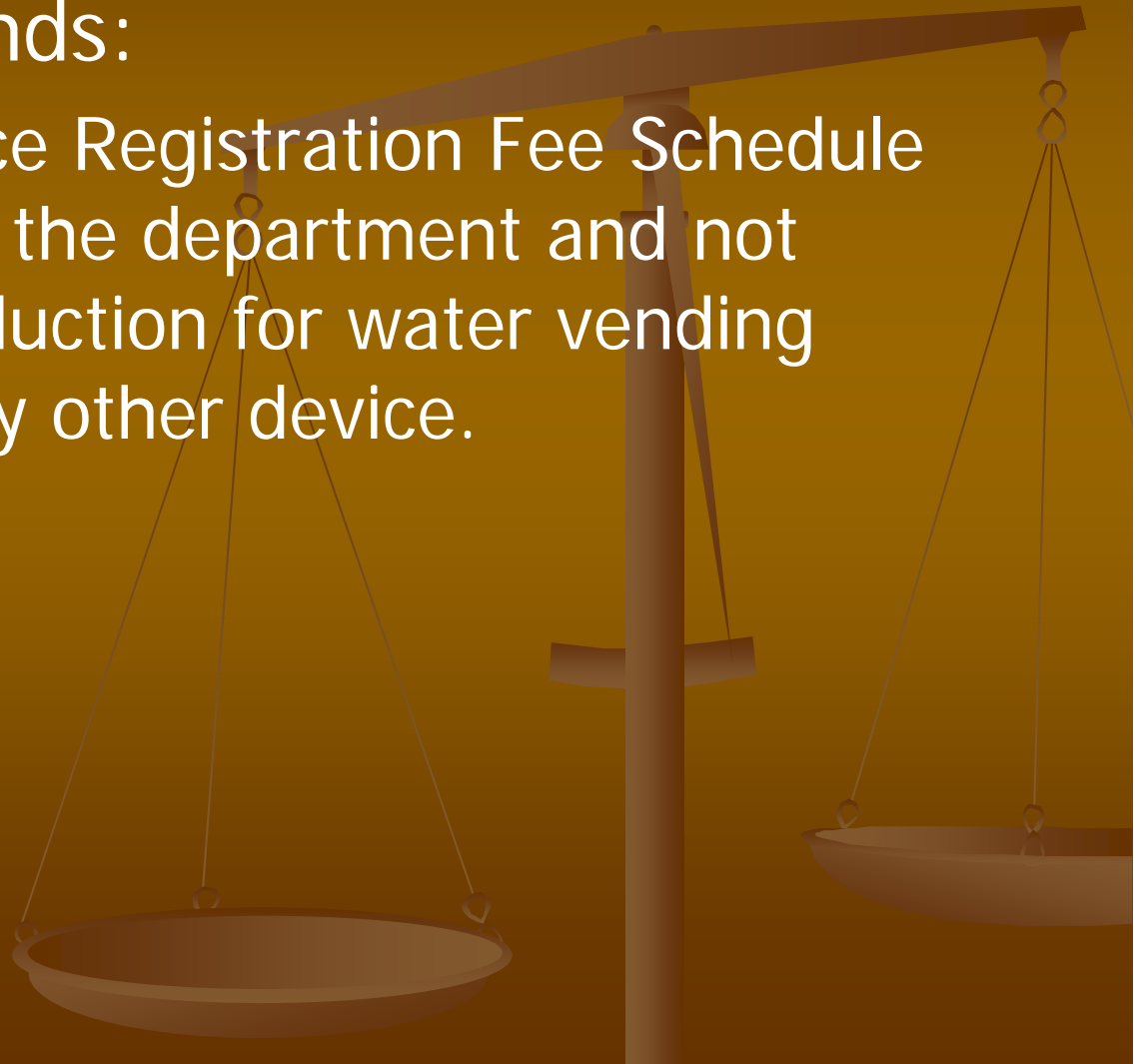
Water Vending Machines have one of the highest failure rates of all commercial devices in SBC.



Department Recommendation

Staff Recommends:

Adopt the Device Registration Fee Schedule as proposed by the department and not create a fee reduction for water vending machines or any other device.



BOS Directive

Based on testimony during the February 7th BOS hearing about possible disproportionate impacts on small businesses, BOS directed staff to draft a **Small Business Exemption** for the Scanner Inspection Program.



Price Scanner Program Small Business Allowance

Consulted with:

Chamber of Commerce

Economic Development Center

Other County Agricultural Commissioners offices

State Department of Measurement Standards

Objective

Develop a reasonable and fair option.

Maintain the programs integrity and cost recovery



Scanner Fee Small Business Proposal

Small Business Allowance Program

Conditions:

- Single location in the County
- 1 – 3 scanning stations
- \$200,000 or less gross sales
- Copy of previous years IRS tax statement

Qualifying Businesses

- Scanner Location Fee reduced 50% or \$40
- Estimated 793 businesses will qualify

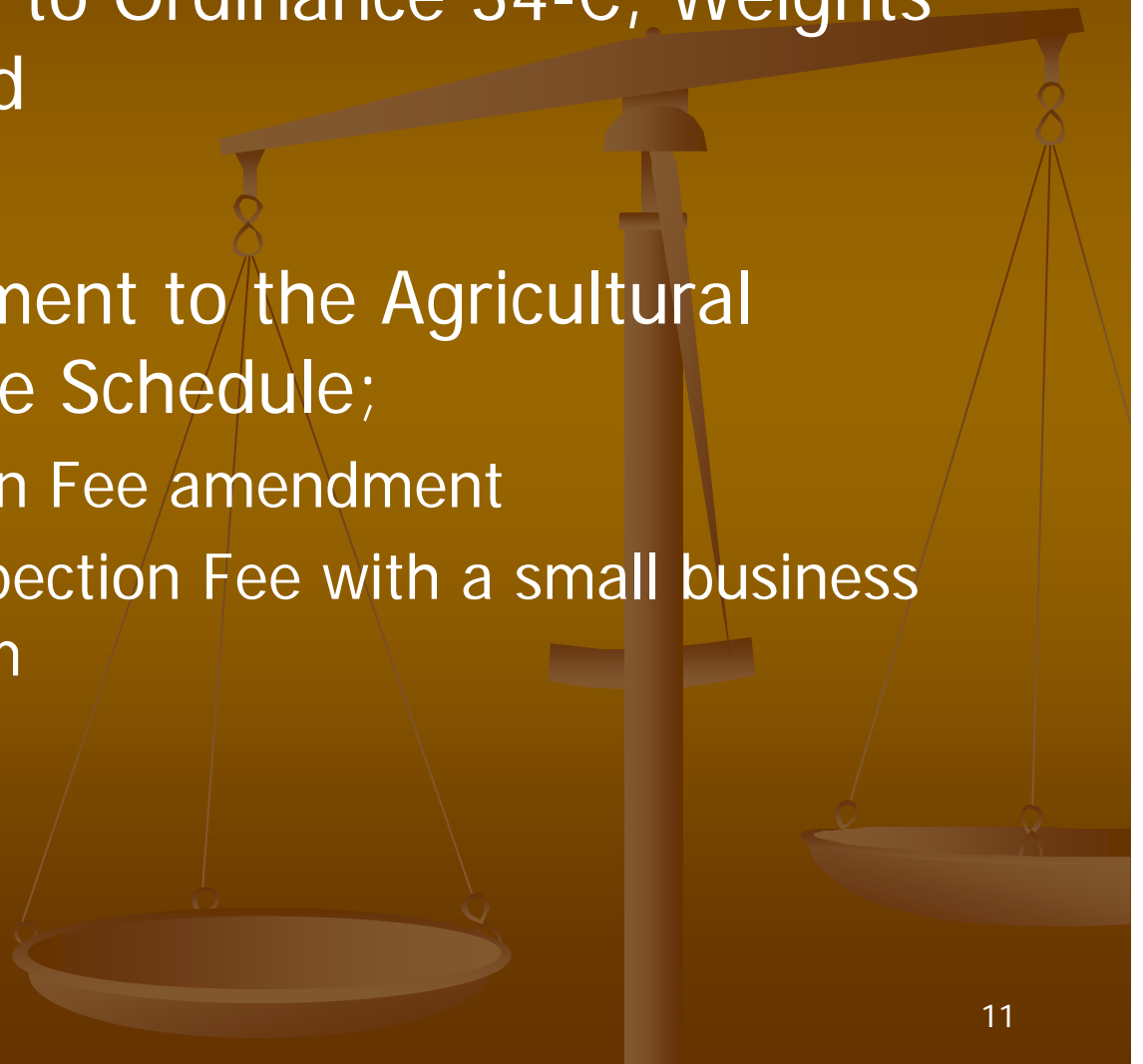
Recommendation

Adopt the revision to Ordinance 34-C, Weights and Measures, and

Adopt the amendment to the Agricultural Commissioner's fee Schedule;

- Device Registration Fee amendment

- Price Scanner Inspection Fee with a small business allowance program



Thank You

