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2019 Bee Registration

Dear Beekeeper:

You are required each year, to register the number and location of colonies of bees with the Agricultural Commissioner in each county where the bees are located on December 31st or the destination county for colonies moving into California after January 1st. The registration form and a \$10.00 fee are due by January 31, 2019. There is an additional \$20.00 late fee for registrations over 30 days past due.

Please be advised that you, as a beekeeper, have certain responsibilities, which include:

1. **Out of State Beekeepers:** Must notify the Agricultural Commissioner's office at least 24 hours prior to unloading in the county. This notification must include the exact location in the county where the hives are to be unloaded and the exact time of arrival. Monday – Friday between 8 AM and 5 PM, call (209) 385-7431. For after-hours & weekends, call the same number & leave a message. At this time, it will be determined whether or not the Agricultural Commissioner's staff must be present before unloading.
2. **All beekeepers:** May request notice of pesticide application at the time of registration. If you choose to be notified you must, fill out and sign *the back* of the registration form, and be available two hours each day between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
3. **All beekeepers:** Upon relocating apiaries from out of county, you shall notify the Agricultural Commissioner of the destination in Merced County by telephone within 5 days of relocation. Monday – Friday between 8 AM and 5 PM, call (209) 385-7431. For after-hours & weekends, call the same number & leave a message.
4. **All beekeepers:** "Request for Pesticide Notification": should be submitted seventy-two (72) hours prior to movement, but they will be accepted if submitted within 72 hours after relocation. You may not be entitled to recover damages if you fail to submit a request, put an identification sign on your apiary, or are unavailable for notification. Also, if you fail to notify the Agricultural Commissioner's office when a site is vacated, your request **may** be cancelled.

Enclosed is a registration form along with a self-addressed envelope. Register by either mail or in person at our office. Make checks payable to *Merced County*.

If you do not plan to have bees in Merced County please indicate on the enclosed registration form and return it to our office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

David A. Robinson
Agricultural Commissioner