



**Agricultural  
Commissioner/Sealer  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

KUYLER CROCKER  
District One  
PETE VANDER POEL  
District Two  
AMY SHUKLIAN  
District Three  
EDDIE VALERO  
District Four  
DENNIS TOWNSEND  
District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** May 21, 2019 - REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: David Case    PHONE: 559-684-3363

**SUBJECT:** Approve an Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for Organic Inspections Program

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture in the amount up to \$4,390 for the Organic Inspections Program from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Agreement.

**SUMMARY:**  
The California Organic Program was established by the 1979 Organic Food Act. In 1990 the California Organic Foods Act allowed for enforcement of Federal and State organic regulations in California. The state required registration of all organic growers, handlers and processors through the county where their organic property was located. In 2017 the state amended the organic program and shifted organic registration responsibilities to the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Fees are collected from the organic registrants based on their organic gross sales. These fees are used to fund the state and county organic program. In 1998 Tulare County had approximately 29 organic growers with 1,678 acres of organic property and 3 packers/shippers. In 2017 that has grown to over 100 organic growers with more than 20,000 acres of organic property and 23 packers/shippers. The Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's Office conducts random spot inspections of producers, handlers, retailers and certified producers that are registered organic or wanting to become organic. Our office also assists California Department of Food and Agriculture in the registration of organic growers by conducting pesticide use

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report searches and spot inspections. At the request of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, our office can investigate complaints on any organic registrant. Our office also takes random samples of organically registered commodities for pesticide analysis to ensure that they meet the requirements of the state and federal organic programs. This Agreement is intended to subvent costs incurred by the County for conducting these duties and any training approved by the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

The Agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate:

1. Neither party to the Agreement will indemnify the other.


**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There will be no additional net county cost in performing this service. The County will receive up to \$4,390 for FY 19/20 if the Agreement is approved.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

Tulare County's strategic plan includes the Economic Well Being Initiative to promote economic development opportunities, effective growth management and a quality standard of living. This request to authorize an Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for assisting with the state registration and County inspection of organic producers, handlers, retailers, collecting samples and conducting complaint investigations in the County will insure timely continuance of a long-standing program of protecting the County's agriculture-based economy by enforcing state laws and regulations regarding the California Organic Foods Act.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



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David Case  
Deputy Agricultural Commissioner  
Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) California Department of Food and Agriculture Agreement 19-0132-000-SA

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN )  
AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
AGRICULTURE ORGANIC INSPECTIONS )  
PROGRAM

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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