



**Tulare County Agricultural  
Commissioner  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

KUYLER CROCKER  
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District Two  
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District Three  
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District Four  
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District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** August 11, 2020

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: Marianna Gentert    PHONE: 559-684-3358		

**SUBJECT:** Approve a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for a Bee Safe Program

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

1. Approve Agreement Number 20-0310-000-SG with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) in the amount not to exceed \$40,774.69 for the Bee Safe Program, retroactive to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The agreement is retroactive because it was received on July 15, 2020.
2. Find that the board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of July 1, 2020, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Cooperative Agreement.
4. Approve a Categorical Exemption consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 15061(b)(3) Common Sense Exemption and 15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection.
5. Find that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and determine the Categorical Exemption is consistent with the CEQA Title 14 CCR, Section 15061(b)(3) Common Sense Exemption and 15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection, that was prepared for a Bee Safe Program reflects the

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independent judgment of the County and has been completed in compliance with the CEQA of 1970, as amended;

6. Direct and authorize the Environmental Assessment Officer, or designee, to sign and file the Notice of Exemption with the Tulare County Clerk.

**SUMMARY:**

This Agreement is intended to render State financial aid to the County for providing the implementation of the Bee Safe Program. The main objectives of the Bee Safe Program are to reduce honeybee stress through improved apiary theft prevention efforts, decrease apiary pest pressure, decrease apiary stress due to pesticide exposure, and increase apiary foraging opportunities. The Program, as defined by the Agreement, is the culmination of efforts made by the Apiary Industry, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers group to harmonize safety regulation and enforcement throughout the State and with nationwide cooperators as well.

This agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The following term deviates substantively from the standard County boilerplate:

Indemnification: Neither party to the agreement agrees to indemnify the other

In accordance with CEQA, the County has also determined that a categorical exemption is applicable to the proposed action: State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) Common Sense Exemption and 15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no net County cost to the General Fund associated with this action. This Agreement provides \$40,774.69 to the County for the protection of bees. The revenue and expenditures for this program are included in the FY2020/2021 adopted Agricultural Commissioner's budget.

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

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Economic Well-Being Initiative to promote economic development opportunities, effective growth management and a quality standard of living. The request to approve this Agreement will provide a continued funding source that will allow the continuation of a program that protects the County's agricultural economy.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

\_\_\_\_\_/s/ Marianna Gentert\_\_\_\_\_  
Marianna Gentert  
Deputy Agriculture Commissioner  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s)

Attachment A - California Department of Food and Agriculture Agreement No: 20-0310-000-SG

Attachment B - Notice of Exemption

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE A )  
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
AND AGRICULTURE FOR A BEE SAFE )  
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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That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approved Agreement Number 19-0798-000-SG with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) in the amount not to exceed \$40,774.69 for a Bee Safe Program, retroactive to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The agreement is retroactive because it was received on July 15, 2020.
2. Found that the board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of July 1, 2020, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorized the Chairman of the Board to sign the Cooperative Agreement.
4. Approved a Categorical Exemption consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section

15061(b)(3) Common Sense Exemption and 15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection.

5. Found that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and determine the Categorical Exemption is consistent with the CEQA Title 14 CCR, Section 15061(b)(3) Common Sense Exemption and 15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection, that was prepared for a Bee Safe Program reflects the independent judgment of the County and has been completed in compliance with the CEQA of 1970, as amended;
6. Directed and authorized the Environmental Assessment Officer, or designee, to sign and file the Notice of Exemption with the Tulare County Clerk.