



# Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**AGENDA DATE:** August 27, 2024

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	Yes

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**SUBJECT:** Approve an Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the Organic Inspections Program in the amount not to exceed \$4,170 retroactive from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The Agreement is retroactive because the document was received from the State on June 27, 2024.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into the proposed Agreement as of July 1, 2024, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the Agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the Agreement.
4. Direct the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's Office to provide a signed copy of the Agreement to the Clerk of the Board.

**SUMMARY:**

This Agreement is intended to subvent costs incurred by the County for assisting the California Department of Food and Agriculture with new, amended and renewed registrations of organic producers, handlers and processors, for conducting spot inspections, for soil and tissue residue sampling, for conducting complaint investigation and for training approved by the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

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

1. This Agreement requires mutual liability between the County and State.
2. The County signs first.

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**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There will be no net county cost to the General Fund in performing this service. The County will receive up to \$4,170 for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025. Revenues and the associated expenditures for this program were included in the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget.

**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 ensure 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:**

/s/ Jonathan D. Bixler  
Jonathan D. Bixler  
Deputy Sealer

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: California Department of Food and Agriculture Agreement 24-0127-000-SA