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## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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### ANNUAL REGISTRATION NOTIFICATION

Dear Beekeeper:

**Your 2014 Apiary Registration Form is enclosed along with important information on bee quarantine regulations, zoning and city ordinances, and crop report statistics.**

Section 29040 of the California Food and Agricultural Code states in part: "Every person that is the owner or in possession of an apiary which is located within the state, on the first day of January of each year, shall register the number of colonies in each apiary ..." and Section 29043 states: "Registration of an apiary shall be filed with the commissioner of the county in which the apiary is located ..."

**The completed Apiary Registration Form must be returned by January 1, 2014, or when your apiary first enters Los Angeles County.**

#### **BEE QUARANTINE REGULATIONS**

No new quarantines have been enacted affecting beekeepers. The Red Imported Fire Ant (RIFA) quarantine remains unchanged. Any bees and/or bee equipment entering California will be issued a "Quarantine Warning Hold Notice" at a port of entry inspection station. Upon reaching your destination, you must call the County Agricultural Commissioner's office and have your shipment inspected for RIFA. No charges apply for inspections of incoming bees or equipment.

If you are moving bees from any county in California to another state, you may be required to obtain a RIFA inspection prior to exiting California. You will be issued a "Certificate of Quarantine Compliance" for the shipment. This may be required by the destination State or the State(s) through which you are moving the bees. These certificates are issued by the County in which the bees are located at the time of inspection. There is an inspection fee for the Certificate of Quarantine Compliance with charges based on the number of colonies in the shipment.

If you need this service, please call our Quarantine Division at (562) 622-0426.

#### **ZONING AND CITY ORDINANCES**

To determine if a City has any ordinances or zoning restrictions regarding keeping bees, please contact the respective City Land Use or Zoning Code Enforcement Departments. Several Cities such as Los Angeles, Glendale, Burbank, etc., have zoning codes and maps displayed on their websites. Annual registration with our Department does not exempt a beekeeper from complying with County and City ordinances.

## **AFRICANIZED HONEY BEE CONTROL**

If you intend to perform live bee removal and/or swarm pick-up, such activity does not require possession of a State Pest Control Business License. For activities involving use of pesticides, you must possess a valid State Pest Control Business (PCB) License. Type(s) of required license is determined by the location at which bees are located. For bee eradication in or on a structure, you must possess a Structural PCB License; all other applications require possession of an Agricultural PCB License.

Please call our office at (626) 575-5466 for information about obtaining an appropriate license.

## **CERTIFIED PRODUCER'S CERTIFICATE (CPC)**

Beekeepers who intend to sell their honey products at California Certified Farmers' Markets are required to possess a current and valid Certified Producer's Certificate (CPC).

To receive a CPC, beekeepers must possess a current Los Angeles County apiary registration.

For information, please call our Direct Marketing Division at (562) 622-0426.

## **CROP REPORT STATISTICS**

The County Agricultural Commissioner collects information to prepare an Annual Crop Report to evaluate yields and gross values of all agricultural products produced within the County. State law mandates, and our department ensures, that such information remains confidential.

- Please provide all requested information regarding production data in Los Angeles County on the enclosed annual registration form.
- Please do not include data regarding fees collected for pollination services or production conducted in other counties.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Inspector Bob Wieder at (626) 459-8894 or Inspector Scott Wirta at (626) 459-8895.

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your cooperation. We wish you a very successful and productive new year.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure