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Dear Butte County Beekeeper,

In an effort to promote and protect the apiary industry in Butte County, beekeepers and apiaries operating in or with bee yards located within the county, are required to register with the Agricultural Commissioner's Office for the 2020 calendar year. Registration and fees are due by January 1, 2020 for all existing apiaries or within 30 days after taking possession of the apiaries.

In addition, effective January 1, 2019, AB 2468 enacted new legislation for apiary registrants as follows and in summary;

"Any person relocating a colony of bees from a registered apiary to one county or another must notify the destination county agricultural commissioner within 72 hours of the first movement."

"Any person relocating a colony of bees within their registered county, must notify the county agricultural commissioner of the movement."

Effective January 1, 2020 and in summary;

"AB 2468 would allow the county agricultural commissioner the authority to impose an administrative civil penalty for a violation of certain requirements regulating the registration and identification of apiaries and relocation of bee colonies."

The BeeWhere program is now available for online and renewal registration. BeeWhere is bringing beekeepers and pesticide applicators together by tracking and safeguarding hive locations across California using innovative mapping tools. Please see the enclosed instructions and contact our office if you need assistance.

In the meantime, we would like you to continue your careful consideration of your apiary locations and accommodations by providing adequate food and water to your bee colonies. This and other best management practices will help alleviate potential neighborhood conflicts as the agricultural and urban interface continues to narrow. There is also a need to protect habitat and historical apiary locations from encroachment as well as accidental pesticide exposure.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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