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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 2023 calendar year. However, all county apiary registration fees are currently suspended until the new fee schedule has been finalized in regulation. Please do NOT submit payment for 2023 registration. The California Department of Food and Agriculture is working with the Apiary Board to establish a proposed fee schedule for apiary registration and you will be updated as information is completed.

The BeeWhere program is still available for online county registration. This program is designed to bring 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.

Please continue to use BeeWhere to notify our office when you move your apiaries from locations in and outside of the county as required by California Food & Agricultural Code.

FAC 29070:

(a) Any person relocating a colony of bees from a registered apiary in one county to another county, where the apiary is not registered for the current calendar year, shall notify the destination commissioner within 72 hours of the first movement. The notification shall include all of the following: (1) The name and address of the apiary operator or his or her designated representative. (2) A telephone number where the apiary operator or his or her designated representative may be reached.

(b) The apiary operator or his or her designated representative shall provide locations of each colony upon request by the commissioner of any county.

(c) Subsequent movement into the destination county shall not require further notification to the commissioner if, when the apiary operator removed the last colony from the county, he or she notifies the commissioner of that final movement within 72 hours.

FAC 29070.5:

Any apiary operator or his or her designated representative relocating a colony of bees within a county where the apiary is currently registered shall notify the commissioner of the movement.

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 ag/urban conflicts.

Thank you,

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