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To: Butte County Registered Beekeepers

From: Louie B. Mendoza Jr., Agricultural Commissioner

Re: Best Management Practices for Beekeeping in Butte County, California

In consultation with representatives from the California State Beekeepers Association, the Butte County Agricultural Commissioner's Office encourages the following best management practices (BMP's) for beekeeping in California.

1. Utilize the online program "Beewhere" to remain current on registrations and colony placements.
<https://beewhere.calagpermits.org/>
2. Update your contact information in BeeWhere for timely and nearby pesticide application notifications.
3. Be mindful of environmental surroundings to your apiary, such as proximity to adjacent homes, ponds or swimming pools. This will help alleviate potential neighborhood conflicts as the agricultural and urban interface continues to narrow.
4. Clearly mark and identify your hives, preferably with an apiary brand number issued by the California Department of Food & Agriculture.
5. Bees moved into Butte County from states with known Africanized Honey Bee (AHB) populations should move out of Butte County by March 12, 2021.
6. Be familiar with the list of counties that will accept apiary shipment infested with Small Hive Beetle (SHB). (Butte County will not accept SHB shipments)
<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/pollinators/docs/CountySmallHiveBeetlePolicy.pdf>
7. If you need to make any pesticide applications, such as a miticide to your hives, you will need a valid Butte County Operator Identification Number or Restricted Materials Permit, and will also need to report the completed applications to our office.

Please contact our office with any questions.

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Thank you for your continued cooperation.