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**2017 APIARY REGISTRATION**

TO: ALL BEEKEEPERS OPERATING IN STANISLAUS COUNTY

FROM: MILTON O'HAIRE, AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

**Requirement for Registration of Apiaries in California:**

- Beekeepers operating in California on the first day of January shall register the number of colonies in each apiary (FAC 29040).
- Beekeepers who move bees into the state, or otherwise come into possession of an apiary that is located within the state after the first of January, shall register the number of colonies moved into the state or so acquired within 30 days after coming into possession of the apiary (FAC 29042).
- Each beekeeper shall pay an annual registration fee of \$10.00 to the Agricultural Commissioner of the county where the bees reside to cover the cost of apiary registration (FAC 29044).

**Please identify your hives according to Food and Agriculture Code 29046**

(a) No person shall maintain an apiary on premises other than that of his or her residence unless the apiary is identified as follows:

(1) By a sign that is prominently displayed on the entrance side of the apiary or stenciled on the hive, that states in dark letters not less than one inch in height on a background of contrasting color, the name of the owner or person responsible for the apiary, his or her address and telephone number, or if he or she has no telephone, a statement to that effect.

California apiary laws pertaining to registration and hive identification can be found in the California Food & Agricultural Code, Sections 29040-29056.

Beekeepers with apiaries located in Stanislaus County shall complete the attached form for apiary registration. Provide the number of colonies at each location. Provide a map or describe the location using roads, canals, intersections, and landmarks, giving direction, distance, and side of the road so it can be placed on a county map. Provide Section, Township and Range or GPS if known. **Beekeepers requesting the optional pesticide notification shall complete the corresponding portion of the form.** All apiary registration forms and pesticide notification requests shall be submitted to:

Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner  
3800 Cornucopia Way Suite B  
Modesto, CA 95358  
Make checks payable to "Stanislaus County"

Enclosure: Apiary Registration Form

# **California Code of Regulations Pertaining to the Protection of Bees**

## **CCR SECTION 6650 PESTICIDES TOXIC TO BEES**

(a) Pesticides toxic to bees are those that include the words "toxic to bees" on the labeling of the pesticide, regardless of modifying words on the label that state "highly" or "moderately."

(b) Bees are considered to be inactive from one hour after sunset to two hours before sunrise or when the temperature is below 55 degrees Fahrenheit. The sunset and sunrise times will be those indicated in the local newspaper.

(c) Residual toxicity (RT) time is that period of time after completing a pesticide application until there is minimal toxic effect to bees. The RT time is specified on product labeling and is based upon Residual Toxicity<sup>25</sup> (RT<sup>25</sup>) studies. RT<sup>25</sup> studies determine 25 percent bee mortality based on the test bee population exposed to the formulated pesticide product applied to foliage.

## **CCR SECTION 6652 AVAILABILITY FOR NOTIFICATION**

(a) Each beekeeper who desires advance notice of applications of pesticides shall inform the commissioner of a two-hour period between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. each day, during which time the beekeeper shall be available for contact, at the beekeeper's expense, to receive advance notice from persons intending to apply pesticide(s). This request for notification shall expire on December 31 each year.

## **CCR SECTION 6654 NOTIFICATION TO BEEKEEPERS**

(a) Each person intending to apply any pesticide toxic to bees to a blossoming plant shall, prior to the application, inquire of the commissioner, or of a notification service designated by the commissioner, whether any beekeeper with apiaries within one mile of the application site has requested notice of such application.

(b) If the person performing pest control is advised of a request for notification, he or she shall notify the beekeeper, at least 48 hours in advance of the application, of the time and place the application is to be made, the crop and acreage to be treated, the method of application, the identity and dosage rate of the pesticide to be applied, and how the person performing pest control may be contacted by the beekeeper. This time may be increased or decreased by the commissioner, or by an agreement of both the beekeeper and the person performing the pest control work.



Number of Colonies	Describe location (see directions on preceding page)

**DATE OF REMOVAL FROM STANISLAUS COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_

If the date of removal must be extended, please contact the Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner. Otherwise it will be assumed that hives have been removed as of the above date and notification (if requested) will cease.

**PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION REQUEST**

**Please check one of the following:**

I decline advance notice of pesticide applications toxic to bees to a blossoming plant within one mile of the apiaries listed.

I request that I be notified, in advance, of the intent to apply any pesticides toxic to bees to a blossoming plant within one mile of the apiaries listed. This request is being made pursuant to California Code regulations, Section 6652 (a). The notification shall comply with California Code of Regulations, Section 6654 (a) & (b).

*If notification is requested, complete contact information below. Please notify the Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner if hives are relocated within the county.*

\_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT NAME

( ) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE

( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE PHONE

AVAILABLE \_\_\_\_AM/PM to \_\_\_\_AM/PM

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SIGNATURE

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DATE