



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: May 14, 2019

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,
Adopting the Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures' Fees for the
Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Hazardous Materials Program,
Vineyard and Orchard Site Development and Agricultural Grading and Drainage (VESCO)
Project Review, Cannabis Cultivation Program, and for
Agriculture Division and Land Stewardship Section Staff Hourly Rates**

Whereas, Sonoma County Code Chapter 29 authorizes the Board to adopt a schedule of fees and charges for services provided and permits issued pursuant to Chapter 29 of the Sonoma County Code to recover the reasonable cost of providing such services and issuing such permits; and

Whereas, Sonoma County Code Chapter 11 authorizes the Board of Supervisors by resolution to establish fees and hourly rates for providing various reviews, inspections, and services made, issued, and provided by the Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures, and

Whereas, Government Code Section 6253.0, Sonoma County Code Chapter 26 and Chapter 36, and other provisions of the law authorize the Board of Supervisors by resolution to establish fees to recover the reasonable cost of providing for various inspections, reinspections, testing, certificates, registrations, and services made, issued and provided by the County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures (hereinafter called "The Commissioner/Sealer")

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that to recover the reasonable cost of providing various reviews, inspections, and services made, issued, and provided by the Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures, it is necessary to impose the fees and rates set forth below.

Agricultural Division Fees

Cannabis Cottage Outdoor*	\$	2,472
Cannabis Specialty Outdoor*	\$	3,090
Cannabis Small Outdoor*	\$	3,708

**Includes 1 permit application review and 1 site inspection, any additional time billed at hourly rate*

Hazmat Business Plan Program: Range 6	\$	155
Hazmat Business Plan Program: Range 7, >1210 gals	\$	247
Hazwaste Program: >325 gal/yr to <5 tons/yr w/ source reduction/recycle	\$	225
Hazwaste Program: <325 gal/yr	\$	145

Agricultural Division Hourly Rate for At-Cost Charges	\$	177
<i>Hourly staff rates charged at 1/4 minimum</i>		

Land Stewardship Division Fees

	Acres			
	<10	10 to <50	50 to <100	100+
VESCO Level 1 ¹	\$ 654	\$ 1,296	\$ 1,701	\$ 2,212
VESCO Level 1 with grading and drainage ²	\$ 974	\$ 1,609	\$ 2,065	\$ 2,656
VESCO Level 2 ³	\$ 4,536	\$ 6,733	\$ 8,589	\$ 11,376
VESCO Level 2 with grading and drainage ⁴	\$ 4,850	\$ 7,082	\$ 9,004	\$ 11,875
VESCO Level 2 with tree removal ⁵	\$ 5,262	\$ 7,672	\$ 9,629	\$ 12,649
VESCO Level 2 with grading and drainage and tree removal ⁶	\$ 5,558	\$ 8,047	\$ 10,040	\$ 13,146
Ag Grading/Drainage Only ⁷	\$ 682	\$ 780	\$ 923	\$ 1,069

Land Stewardship Division Hourly Rate for At-Cost Charges	\$	162
<i>Hourly staff rates charged at 1/4 minimum</i>		

¹Includes 1 plan review and 1 site visit.

²Includes 1 plan review and 2 site visits, plus at-cost Engineer/Geologist

³Includes 2 plan reviews and 2 site visits, plus at-cost Engineer/Geologist

⁴Includes 2 plan reviews and 3 site visits, plus at-cost Engineer/Geologist

⁵Includes 2 plan reviews and 2 site visits, plus at-cost Engineer/Geologist

⁶Includes 2 plan reviews and 3 site visits, plus at-cost Engineer/Geologist

⁷Includes 1 plan reviews and 1 site visit, plus at-cost Engineer/Geologist

Be It Further Resolved, based on information presented to this Board, this Board finds that the proposed fees comply with all legal requirements, including Art. XIII C of the California Constitution.

Be It Further Resolved, that in all other respects, previous fee resolutions setting Commissioner/Sealer fees and hourly rates shall remain in full force and effect.

Be It Further Resolved, that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this resolution.

Be It Further Resolved, that in all other respects the fees and rates set forth in this Resolution for the Commissioner/Sealer are hereby adopted, effective, July 1, 2019.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.