

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.9**  
(ID # 28322)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, July 29, 2025

**FROM :** AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT:** AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER: Ratify and approve Cooperative Agreement No. 25-0206-000-SA with California Department of Food and Agriculture for the Organic Inspections Program effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, All Districts. [\$3,985 Total Cost – State Funds 100%]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and approve Cooperative Agreement No. 25-0206-000-SA with California Department of Food and Agriculture for the Organic Inspections Program, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$3,985; and
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

**ACTION:**Policy

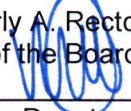
  
Delia Cioc, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner. 7/22/2025

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Medina and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: July 29, 2025  
xc: Agric. Comm.

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 3,985	\$ 0	\$ 3,985	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> California Department of Food and Agriculture (100%)			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 25/26	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

This agreement is entered into annually and reimburses the costs incurred in the enforcement of the California Organic Foods Act. Revenue from this source was previously included in the Agricultural Commissioner's FY 25/26 budget request. This agreement was approved as to form by County Counsel.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Attachment A:**      **Cooperative Agreement No. 25-0206-000-SA with California Department of Food and Agriculture**

  
 Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel      7/22/2025

# RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, that the Chair is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of said County the Cooperative Agreement ID: 25-0206-000-SA between Riverside County and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) providing for: Organic Inspections Program effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

## ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of the Board

BY:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

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**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
SIGNATURE PAGE**

AGREEMENT NUMBER  
**25-0206-000-SA**

- This Agreement is entered into between the State Agency and the Recipient named below:  
STATE AGENCY'S NAME  
**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)**  
RECIPIENT'S NAME  
**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**
- The Agreement Term is: July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026
- The maximum amount of this Agreement is: \$3,985.00
- The parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following exhibits and attachments which are by this reference made a part of the Agreement:

Exhibit A: Recipient and Project Information	2 Pages
Exhibit B: General Terms and Conditions	5 Pages
Exhibit C: Payment and Budget Provisions	2 Pages
Attachments: Scope of Work and Budget	

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: *Lisa Sanchez*  
DATE: 7/16/2025

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto.  
**RECIPIENT**

RECIPIENT'S NAME (Organization's Legal Name)  
**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

BY (Authorized Signature) *V. Manuel Perez* DATE SIGNED  
**JUL 29 2025**

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING  
**V. MANUEL PEREZ CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

ATTEST:  
**KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk**

ADDRESS  
Post Office Box 1089, Riverside, California 92502-1089

By *[Signature]*  
**DEPUTY**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

AGENCY NAME  
**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)**

BY (Authorized Signature) *Andrea Perkins* DATE SIGNED  
Digitally signed by Andrea Perkins  
Date: 2025.08.11 14:26:54 -07'00'

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING  
**ANDREA PERKINS, STAFF SERVICES MANAGER I, OFFICE OF GRANTS ADMINISTRATION**

ADDRESS  
1220 N STREET, ROOM 120  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

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## EXHIBIT A

### RECIPIENT AND PROJECT INFORMATION

1. CDFA hereby awards an Agreement to the Recipient for the project described herein:  
The County will perform inspections according to the California Organic Food and Farming Act.

Project Title: Organic Inspections

2. The Managers for this Agreement are:

FOR CDFA:		FOR RECIPIENT:	
Name:	Kiley Potter	Name:	Delia Cioc
Division/Branch:	Inspection Services / Inspection and Compliance	Organization:	County of Riverside
Address:	1220 N Street	Address:	PO Box 1089
City/State/Zip:	Sacramento, CA 95814	City/State/Zip:	Riverside, CA 92502
Phone:	916-597-7328	Phone:	951-955-3045
Email Address:	kiley.potter@cdfa.ca.gov	Email Address:	dcioc@rivco.org

3. The Grant Administrative Contacts for this Agreement are:

FOR CDFA:		FOR RECIPIENT:	
Name:	Kiley Potter	Name:	Rudy Valencia
Division/Branch:	Inspection Services / Inspection and Compliance	Organization:	County of Riverside
Address:	1220 N Street	Address:	P.O. BOX 1089
City/State/Zip:	Sacramento, CA 95814	City/State/Zip:	Riverside, CA 92502
Phone:	916-597-7328	Phone:	951-955-3004
Email Address:	kiley.potter@cdfa.ca.gov	Email Address:	rvalencia@rivco.org

#### FISCAL CONTACT FOR RECIPIENT (if different from above):

Name:

Organization:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email Address:

4. **RECIPIENT: Please check appropriate box below:**

Research and Development (R&D) means all research activities, both basic and applied, and all development activities that are performed by non-Federal entities. The term research also includes activities involving the training of individuals in research techniques where such activities utilize the same facilities as other R&D activities and where such activities are not included in the instruction function.

This award  does  does not support R&D.

5. For a detailed description of activities to be performed and duties, see Scope of Work and Budget.

## EXHIBIT B

### GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### 1. Approval

This Agreement is of no force or effect until signed by both parties. The Recipient may not invoice for activities performed prior to the commencement date or completed after the termination date of this Agreement.

#### 2. Agreement Execution

Unless otherwise prohibited by state law, regulation, or Department or Recipient policy, the parties agree that an electronic copy of a signed Agreement, or an electronically signed Agreement, has the same force and legal effect as an Agreement executed with an original ink signature. The term "electronic copy of a signed Agreement" refers to a transmission by facsimile, electronic mail, or other electronic means of a copy of an original signed Agreement in a portable document format. The term "electronically signed Agreement" means an Agreement that is executed by applying an electronic signature using technology approved by all parties.

#### 3. Assignment

This Agreement is not assignable by the Recipient, either in whole or in part, without the prior consent of the CDFA Agreement Manager or designee in the form of a formal written amendment.

#### 4. Governing Law

This Agreement is governed by and will be interpreted in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws.

#### 5. State and Federal Law

It is the responsibility of the Recipient to know and understand which State, Federal, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances are applicable to this Agreement and the Project, as described in Exhibit A. The Recipient shall be responsible for observing and complying with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations. Failure to comply may constitute a material breach.

#### 6. Recipient Commitments

The Recipient accepts and agrees to comply with all terms, provisions, conditions and commitments of the Agreement, including all incorporated documents, and to fulfill all assurances, declarations, representations, and statements made by the Recipient in the application, documents, amendments, and communications in support of its request for funding.

#### 7. Performance and Assurances

The Recipient agrees to faithfully and expeditiously perform or cause to be performed all Project work as described in the Scope of Work, and to apply grant funds awarded in this Agreement only to allowable Project costs.

#### 8. Mutual Liability

Parties shall, to the extent allowed by law, each be individually liable for any and all claims, losses, causes of action, judgments, damages, and expenses to the extent directly caused by their officers, agents, or employees.

#### 9. Unenforceable Provision

In the event that any provision of this Agreement is unenforceable or held to be unenforceable, the parties agree that all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain operative and binding.

## **10. Contractors/Consultants**

The Recipient, and the agents and employees of Recipient, in the performance of this Agreement, are not officers, employees, or agents of the CDFA. The Recipient's obligation to pay its Contractors/Consultants is an independent obligation from the CDFA's obligation to make payments to the Recipient. Recipient agrees to comply with all applicable State and local laws and regulations during the term of this Agreement. The Recipient is responsible to ensure that any/all contractors/consultants it engages to carry out activities under this Agreement shall have the proper licenses/certificates required in their respective disciplines. The Contractors/Consultants shall not affect the Recipient's overall responsibility for the management of the project, and the Recipient shall reserve sufficient rights and control to enable it to fulfill its responsibilities under this Agreement.

## **11. Non-Discrimination Clause**

The Recipient agrees that during the performance of this Agreement, it will not discriminate, harass, or allow harassment or discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment based on race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status. The Recipient agrees to require the same of all contractors and consultants retained to carry out the activities under this Agreement.

The Recipient agrees that during the performance of this Agreement, the evaluation and treatment of its employees and applicants for employment are free from discrimination and harassment. The Recipient will comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code section 12990 *et seq.*) and the applicable regulations promulgated there under (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 10000 *et seq.*). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Council implementing Government Code section 12990 (a-f), set forth in Division 4.1 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. The Recipient will give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining unit or other Agreement. The Recipient must include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under this Agreement.

The Recipient agrees to require the same of all contractors and consultants retained to carry out activities under this Agreement.

## **12. Excise Tax**

The State of California is exempt from federal excise taxes and no payment will be made for any taxes levied on employees' wages. The CDFA will pay for any applicable State of California or local sales or use taxes on the services rendered or equipment or parts supplied pursuant to this Agreement. California may pay any applicable sales and use tax imposed by another State.

## **13. Disputes**

The Recipient must continue with the responsibilities under this Agreement during any dispute. In the event of a dispute, the Recipient must file a "Notice of Dispute" with the CDFA Agreement Manager, identified in Exhibit A, or designee within ten (10) calendar days of discovery of the problem. The Notice of Dispute must contain the Agreement number. Within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the Notice of Dispute, the CDFA Agreement Manager or designee must meet with the Recipient for the purpose of resolving the dispute. In the event of a dispute, the language contained within this Agreement prevails.

#### **14. Termination for Convenience**

This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice. Notice of termination must be delivered to the other party at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the intended date of termination. Notice of termination does not nullify obligations already incurred prior to the date of termination. In the event of Termination for Convenience of this Agreement by CDFA, CDFA must pay all responsible costs and non-cancellable obligations incurred by the Recipient as of the date of termination.

#### **15. Termination for Cause**

Either party may terminate this Agreement for cause in the event of a material breach of this Agreement, provided that the non-breaching party provides written notice of the material breach. If the breach is not cured to the satisfaction of the non-breaching party, this Agreement shall automatically terminate and the CDFA shall reimburse the Recipient for all documented costs incurred up to the date of the notice of termination, including all non-cancellable obligations. Timelines associated with notice and curing of material breaches shall be consistent with the timelines outlined in paragraph 17.

#### **16. Acceptable Failure to Perform**

The Recipient shall not be liable for any failure to perform as required by this Agreement, to the extent such failure to perform is caused by any of the following: labor disturbances or disputes of any kind, accidents, the inability to obtain any required government approval to proceed, civil disorders, acts of aggression, acts of God, energy or other conservation measures, failure of utilities, mechanical breakdowns, materials shortages, disease, pandemics, or similar occurrences.

#### **17. Breach**

The parties may be in material breach under this Agreement if they fail to comply with any term of this Agreement, or a party determines that the other party is not implementing the Project in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, or that a party has failed in any other respect to comply with the provisions of this Agreement. In the event of a material breach, the party identifying the breach shall provide a Notice of Material Breach to the breaching party within fifteen (15) calendar days upon discovery of breach. The breaching party shall have fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of the notice to notify how it intends to cure the breach. Upon receipt of the proposed cure, the non-breaching party has fifteen (15) days to accept or reject the proposed cure. Upon the non-breaching party's approval of the cure, the breaching party has thirty (30) days to implement the cure. If the breaching party fails to cure the breach within thirty (30) days of the non-breaching party's approval of the cure, the non-breaching party may take the following respective actions:

- A. CDFA may suspend payments;
- B. CDFA may demand repayment of all funding;
- C. Either party may terminate the Agreement
- D. CDFA may debar Recipient; or
- E. Either party may take any other action deemed necessary to recover costs.

The non-breaching party shall send a Notice of Failure to Cure Material Breach upon its decision to carry out any of these actions. These actions are effective upon issuance of the Notice of Failure to Cure Material Breach, unless the Recipient appeals a Notice of Failure to Cure Material Breach, in which case the effective date falls on the issuance of a final decision on the appeal.

Where CDFA notifies the Recipient of its decision to demand repayment pursuant to this paragraph, the funds that are subject to the demand shall be repaid immediately. CDFA may consider the Recipient's refusal to repay the requested disbursed amount a material breach.

A Notification of Failure to Cure Material Breach may be appealed to CDFA. The appeal must be post marked within ten (10) calendar days of the date the Recipient received the Notice of Failure to Cure and addressed to the CDFA Legal Office of Hearing and Appeals or emailed to [CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov).

California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Legal Office of Hearing and Appeals  
1220 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

All notices, communications, and appeals described in this paragraph must be received in writing to be considered timely.

If CDFA notifies the Recipient of its decision to withhold the entire funding amount from the Recipient pursuant to this paragraph, this Agreement shall terminate upon receipt of such notice by the Recipient and CDFA shall no longer be required to provide funds under this Agreement and the Agreement shall no longer be binding on either party.

**18. Publicity and Acknowledgement**

The Recipient agrees that it will acknowledge CDFA's support whenever projects funded, in whole or in part, by this Agreement are publicized in any news media, brochures, publications, audiovisuals, presentations or other types of promotional material and in accordance with the Grant Procedures Manual if incorporated by reference and attachment to the Agreement. The Recipients may not use the CDFA logo.

**19. News Releases/Public Conferences**

The Recipient agrees to notify the CDFA in writing at least two (2) business days before any news releases or public conferences are initiated by the Recipient or its Contractors/Consultants regarding the project described in the Attachments, Scope of Work and Budget and any project results.

**20. Scope of Work and Budget Changes**

Changes to the Scope of Work, Budget, or the Project term, must be requested in writing to CDFA Grant Administrative Contact no less than thirty (30) days prior to the requested implementation date. Any changes to the Scope of Work and Budget are subject to CDFA approval and, at its discretion, CDFA may choose to accept or deny any changes. If accepted and after negotiations are concluded, the agreed upon changes will be made and become part of this Agreement. CDFA will respond in writing within ten (10) business days as to whether the proposed changes are accepted.

**21. Reporting Requirements**

The Recipient agrees to comply with all reporting requirements specified in Scope of Work and/or Grant Procedures Manual if incorporated by reference to this Agreement as an attachment.

**22. Equipment**

Purchase of equipment not included in the approved Budget requires prior approval. The Recipient must comply with state requirements regarding the use, maintenance, disposition, and reporting of equipment as contained in CCR, Title 3, Division 1, Chapter 5, sections 303, 311, 324.1 and 324.2.

**23. Closeout**

The Agreement will be closed out after the completion of the Project or project term, receipt and approval of the final invoice and final report, and resolution of any performance or compliance issues.

**24. Confidential and Public Records**

The Recipient and CDFA understand that each party may come into possession of information and/or data which may be deemed confidential or proprietary by the person or organization furnishing the information or data. Such information or data may be subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act or the Public Contract Code. To the extent allowed by law, CDFA determines whether the information is releasable. Each party agrees to maintain such information as confidential and notify the other party of any requests for release of the information.

**25. Amendments**

Changes to funding amount or Agreement term require an amendment and must be requested in writing to the CDFA Agreement Manager or designee no later than sixty (60) calendar days prior to the requested implementation date. Amendments are subject to CDFA approval, and, at its discretion, may choose to accept or deny these changes. No amendments are possible if the Agreement is expired.

**26. Executive Order N-6-22 Russia Sanctions**

On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (the EO) regarding Economic Sanctions against Russia and Russian entities and individuals. "Economic Sanctions" refers to sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as any sanctions imposed under state law. The EO directs state agencies to terminate agreements with, and to refrain from entering any new agreements with, individuals or entities that are determined to be a target of Economic Sanctions. Accordingly, should the State determine Recipient is a target of Economic Sanctions or is conducting prohibited transactions with sanctioned individuals or entities, that shall be grounds for termination of this agreement. The State shall provide Recipient advance written notice of such termination, allowing Recipient at least 30 calendar days to provide a written response. Termination shall be at the sole discretion of the State.

## EXHIBIT C

### PAYMENT AND BUDGET PROVISIONS

#### 1. Invoicing and Payment

- A. For activities satisfactorily rendered and performed according to the attached Scope of Work and Budget, and upon receipt and approval of the invoices, CDFA agrees to reimburse the Recipient for actual allowable expenditures incurred in accordance with the rates specified herein, which is attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.
- B. Invoices must include the Agreement Number, performance period, type of activities performed in accordance with this Agreement, and when applicable, a breakdown of the costs of parts and materials, labor charges, and any other relevant information required to ensure proper invoices are submitted for payment.
- C. Unless stated in the Scope of Work, quarterly invoices must be submitted to the CDFA Administrative Contact, within thirty (30) calendar days after the end of each quarter in which activities under this Agreement were performed.
- D. Unless stated in the Scope of Work, a final invoice will be submitted for payment no more than thirty (30) calendar days following the expiration date of this Agreement, or after project is complete, whichever comes first. The final invoice must be clearly marked "Final Invoice" thus indicating that all payment obligations of the CDFA under this Agreement have ceased and that no further payments are due or outstanding.

#### 2. Allowable Expenses and Fiscal Documentation

- A. The Recipient must maintain adequate documentation for expenditures of this Agreement to permit the determination of the allowability of expenditures reimbursed by CDFA under this Agreement. If CDFA cannot determine if expenditures are allowable under the terms of this Agreement because records are nonexistent or inadequate according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, CDFA may disallow the expenditures.
- B. If mileage is a reimbursable expense, using a privately-owned vehicle will be at the standard mileage rate established by the United States (U.S.) Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and in effect at the time of travel. The standard mileage rate in effect at the time of travel can be found on IRS's website regardless of funding source/type.
- C. If domestic travel is a reimbursable expense, receipts must be maintained to support the claimed expenditures. The maximum rates allowable for travel within California are those established by the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR). The maximum rates allowable for domestic travel outside of California are those established by the United States General Services Administration (GSA).
- D. If foreign travel is a reimbursable expense, receipts must be maintained to support the claimed expenditures. The maximum rates allowable are those established in a per diem supplement to Section 925, Department of State Standardized Regulations.
- E. The Recipient will maintain and have available, upon request by CDFA, all financial records and documentation pertaining to this Agreement. These records and documentation will be kept for three (3) years after completion of the Agreement period or until final resolution of any performance/compliance review concerns or litigation claims.

3. **Prompt Payment Clause**

Payment will be made in accordance with, and within the time specified in, California Government Code Title 1, Division 3.6, Part 3, Chapter 4.5, commencing with Section 927 - The California Prompt Payment Act.

4. **Budget Contingency Clause**

If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted for purposes of this program, the CDFA has the option to either cancel this Agreement with no liability occurring to the CDFA or offer to amend the Agreement to reflect the reduced amount.

## State Organic Program (SOP) 2025/2026 Scope of Work

### REGISTRATION FEES

All organic registration applications (new, amended, and renewal) are approved by California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) State Organic Program (SOP) staff. The county receives \$60.00 for each operation it assists with submitting an organic registration application to CDFA for approval.

### SPOT INSPECTION PROGRAM

The county is paid \$225.00 for each spot inspection completed for producers, restaurants, handlers, processors, retail stores, and other applicable organic operations. Additionally, the county will conduct spot inspections for registration purposes, as requested by CDFA SOP staff. Farmers' Market inspections are paid at the rate of \$75.00 for the initial visit and first organic participant inspected. An additional \$10.00 is paid for each additional organic participant inspected at that market. Farmers' Market inspections include certified and non-certified Farmers' Markets and "swap meets."

### SUPPLEMENTAL SPOT INSPECTION PROGRAM

When the need arises, supplemental inspections will be approved by CDFA SOP staff at the above Spot Inspection Program rates.

### SURVEILLANCE RESIDUE (RANDOM/SPOT) SAMPLING PROGRAM

Surveillance Residue samples are randomly collected residue samples that are **NOT** part of an investigation. The county should collect these residue samples as part of its regular organic monitoring activities, to help ensure products do not contain unallowable substances. The county is paid a flat rate of \$130.00 for each Surveillance Residue sample collected. **Counties must notify CDFA prior to submitting samples for residue testing.**

Additional Surveillance Residue samples beyond the total agreement number listed in the county's Fiscal Display, may be collected upon approval from CDFA SOP staff. The county must contact CDFA and receive authorization prior to collecting any additional samples. The county will not be reimbursed for any unauthorized samples collected. **Exception:** If collecting a residue sample is critical, and CDFA SOP staff are not available for approval (weekends/holidays and outside normal business hours), the county may collect the sample without prior approval. However, the county is still required to notify CDFA SOP staff via voicemail or email. CDFA SOP staff may also request the county to collect additional samples. Any additional Surveillance Residue sample collections are paid at the \$130.00 flat rate. **Note:** Do not submit samples to the lab for testing on weekends/holidays or outside normal business hours. These samples must be stored by the county and follow "chain of custody" requirements, until they can be submitted.

Please refer to the Fiscal Display for additional inspection, sampling, and reimbursement details.

## COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS

County staff are expected to conduct investigations, which include preparing investigation documents such as final reports and summaries, as assigned by CDFA. The county will be reimbursed for each approved complaint investigation and residue sample(s), collected as part of an investigation. Complaint investigation expenses and expenses incurred for collecting residue samples as part of an investigation will be reimbursed at actual cost. Time spent preparing investigation documents may also be included as part of the investigation costs. Time and expenses must be itemized.

## ADVERSE ACTION NOTICES

County staff **must** submit proposed adverse action notices to CDFA SOP personnel for review and approval prior to issuing the notices.

Administrative civil penalties imposed by the county for violations of the California Organic Food and Farming Act (COFFA) shall conform to Administrative Civil Penalty Guidelines set forth in the California Code of Regulations (CCR) and remain in the county imposing the penalty.

## TRAINING

County staff are expected to review the CDFA SOP website and attend training conducted or required by CDFA SOP staff.

County staff are also required to complete the following National Organic Program (NOP) online training:

### Required Training

1. NOP Organic Training Website: Use the Access Organic Integrity Learning Center link to sign in to the Learning Center. Follow the instructions using the How to Register for a Course link. First time users will need to create an account by selecting the How to Navigate the Organic Integrity Learning Center link. Register for the following courses:
  - NOP-030: Fundamentals of an Inspection
  - NOP-090: Organic Dairy Compliance (Only required for counties with organic dairy operations)
  - NOP-190: Sampling and Testing
2. Sound and Sensible Website: ***Exploring the Organic Option*** Training Videos
  - The Road to Organic Certification
  - What's the Organic Value Proposition? Video Series (seven videos)

## Optional/Recommended Training and Resources

1. NOP Organic Training Website:
  - NOP-070: Advanced Inspections: Investigations
  - NOP-330: Origin of Livestock (Counties with organic dairy operations)
2. What is an Organic Systems Plan?
3. Tip Sheets on Organic Standards

The county may use up to 50 percent of its **Estimated Investigation Costs**, as listed in the county's **Fiscal Display**, for approved or required organic program training. This may include organic program training that county staff provide to applicable agencies/groups. Training expenses without prior authorization by CDFA SOP staff will not be reimbursed.

County complaint investigation, inspection, sampling, and training **expenses must be itemized** on each invoice. The invoice must include applicable hours, rates, miles, and associated expenses; to receive payment or reimbursement for these expenses. Additionally, any expenses for residue samples collected as part of an investigation must include the name of the operation where the sample was collected and the number of samples.

## DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Pursuant to Chapter 10 of Division 17 (commencing with Section 46000) of the California Food and Agricultural Code (FAC), CDFA will disburse funds to the county for costs incurred in the enforcement of the California Organic Food and Farming Act (COFFA).

The county will receive payments as appropriate for the following functions:

- Helping operations complete new, amended, and renewal registration applications
- Spot inspections
- Soil and tissue residue sampling
- Complaint investigations
- Approved training and education activities

**Disbursements will be made in two block payments:** 1) For work completed from July 1 to December 31, 2025; and 2) for work completed from January 1 to June 30, 2026. Counties should submit final invoices for each block of work to CDFA in a timely manner.

*The county should monitor its expenditures and contact CDFA immediately if it is at risk of exceeding the total Cooperative Agreement amount.*

**NOTE:** CDFA cannot pay/reimburse the county for organic function activities without a signed (executed) Cooperative Agreement. The county should sign and return the Cooperative Agreement, to ensure payments for Organic Program function activities.

**SOP procedures are outlined in the program's Quality Systems Manual (QSM).** For additional questions, please contact the CDFA SOP.

## Riverside Fiscal Display FY 2025/2026

At the discretion of the county, these inspections can be any combination of producer, handler, retailer, farmer's market, or restaurant. **Uncertified operations shall be inspected prior to any certified operations.**

### Spot (Random) Inspection Assignments

Amount		Rate	Total
<u>5</u>	@	<u>\$225.00</u>	<u>\$1,125.00</u>

### Farmers Market

Amount		1 <sup>st</sup> Organic Participant	+	Estimated Additional Organic Participants	Total
<u>2</u>	@	<u>\$75.00</u>		<u>2</u> @ <u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$170.00</u>

### Estimated Assisted Registrations

Amount		Rate	Total
<u>3</u>	@	<u>\$60.00</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>

### Surveillance Residue (Random) Sampling Costs (Not part of an investigation)

Amount		Rate	Total
<u>2</u>	@	<u>\$130.00</u>	<u>\$260.00</u>

### Estimated Investigation Costs

(Includes costs for residue samples taken as part of an investigation)

Total  
\$2,250.00

**Total for 2025/2026**

**\$3,985.00**