

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



ITEM: 21.1
(ID # 30665)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, July 14, 2026

FROM : AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER: Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-056, An Amended Fee Schedule for Agricultural Services within the County of Riverside, All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Hold a public hearing on July 14, 2026, regarding the proposed amended fee schedule for agricultural services within the County of Riverside;
2. After the close of the public hearing, adopt Resolution No. 2026-056, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside Adopting an Amended Fee Schedule for Agricultural Services within the County of Riverside.

ACTION: Set for Hearing, 4/5 Vote Required

ACTION: 4/5 Vote Required, Set for Hearing


Delia Cioc, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner. 6/11/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: Washington
Date: July 14, 2026
xc: Agric. Comm.

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	2026/27

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Agricultural Commissioner's Office provides a wide range of services that support Riverside County's 1.76-billion-dollar agricultural industry. This diverse industry includes vegetables and citrus in the Coachella Valley desert, wine grapes in the Temecula Wine Country, and cotton, alfalfa, and wheat along the Colorado River. The office is entrusted with promoting and protecting the County's agricultural industry and environment, ensuring the health and safety of its residents, and fostering confidence and equity in the marketplace through education and the fair and uniform enforcement of state and local laws and regulations.

Various state statutes and regulations authorize county boards of supervisors to establish fees to recover costs associated with agricultural services provided by the Agricultural Commissioner's Office. These fees must not exceed the actual cost of the services rendered. The Board of Supervisors first adopted a countywide agricultural services fee schedule on June 10, 2008, through Resolution No. 2008-219, and has updated it periodically in accordance with Board Policy B-4, "*Rates Charged for Current Services*," most recently on August 25, 2020, through Resolution No. 2020-144.

Based on ongoing departmental cost analysis and evolving operational needs, it has become necessary to amend the existing fee schedule to ensure full cost recovery and alignment with current service demands. As reflected in Resolution No. 2026-056, the County proposes to update and revise the agricultural services fee schedule to reflect current costs and program requirements. Resolution No. 2026-056, which includes the proposed amended fee schedule, is attached for consideration.

The Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to provide all interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed fee updates. Following the close of the public hearing, it is requested that the Board consider adoption of Resolution No. 2026-056, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside Adopting an Amended Fee Schedule for Agricultural Services with the County of Riverside."

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Impact on Residents and Businesses

The updated fee schedule affects several categories of services provided by the Agricultural Commissioner's Office. Depending on the service type, agricultural businesses and other stakeholders may experience adjusted fees based on full cost recovery. In every case, and consistent with state law, fees will not exceed the actual cost of providing the service.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A: RESOLUTION NO. 2026-056, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ADOPTING AN AMENDED RESOLUTION FOR AGRICULTURAL SERVICES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE


Aaron Gettis, Chief Deputy County Counsel 7/6/2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-056

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ADOPTING AN AMENDED FEE SCHEDULE FOR
AGRICULTURAL SERVICES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

WHEREAS, various state statutes and regulations allow for county board of supervisors to set fees to recover costs associated with the agricultural commissioner's office providing certain agricultural services within their county; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside on August 25, 2020, Agenda Item No. 19.1, adopted Resolution No. 2020-144 establishing an amended fee schedule for agricultural services within the County of Riverside; and

WHEREAS, changed circumstances have made it both practical and appropriate to further amend and update the fee schedule for agricultural services within the County of Riverside; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held regarding the proposed amended fee schedule for agricultural services within the County of Riverside and the proposed amended fee schedule for agricultural services within the County of Riverside was considered at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on July 14, 2026, at which all present were given the opportunity to be heard on the proposed amended fee schedule for agricultural services within the County of Riverside;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on July 14, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. or soon thereafter, in the meeting room located on the first floor of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the amended fee schedule for agricultural services within the County of Riverside, as follows:

- 1) When a certificate, as defined in Sections 5201, 47020, 42791 and 42792 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, or permit, as defined in Section 1430 of the California Code of Regulations,

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY:  AARON C. GETTIS
DATE: 7-6-26

Title 3, requires field inspections, on-site inspections, laboratory analysis, observation of mandatory pesticide treatments, mandatory fumigation, or any other requirement that must be met prior to the issuance of a permit or certificate, or there is any other agricultural related service requested by industry or the public, the Agricultural Commissioner may charge a fee based on the Actual Time expended plus Mileage accrued, as defined below:

Actual Time = (Hourly Pay Rate & Benefits of the Inspector in Effect at the Time Services are Rendered* + Department Overhead**) x (Hours or Fraction of Hours Expended in ¼ Hour Increments)

* The current Hourly Pay Rate & Benefits of the Inspector, as approved by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, can be found on the Agricultural Commissioner's website: <https://rivcoawm.org/agricultural-service-fees>.

** Department Overhead is a three-year rolling average calculated by dividing the Agricultural Commissioner's Office indirect costs by its direct personnel cost. The current Department Overhead fee can be found on the Agricultural Commissioner's website: <https://rivcoawm.org/agricultural-service-fees>.

Mileage = (Number of Miles) x (Current Internal Revenue Service Standard Mileage Rate)

- 2) For the issuance of citrus permits as defined in section 1430 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 3, the Agricultural Commissioner may charge a fee based on the Actual Time expended plus Mileage accrued, as defined in Section 1.
- 3) For the issuance of certificates requested by shippers of plant material, pursuant to Sections 5201 and 5202 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, the Agricultural Commissioner is authorized to charge fees. The fee schedule is as follows:

State Phytosanitary Certificates.....	\$90.00
Federal Phytosanitary Certificates.....	\$106.00

If the issuance of a certificate requires more than one hour of staff time, the Agricultural Commissioner may assess additional fees based on the Actual Time expended plus Mileage accrued, as defined in Section 1. These Riverside County fees do not include any fees imposed by the United States Department of Agriculture or the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Such fees

may apply and are established by their respective agencies, not by the County.

- 4) For the issuance of fruit and/or vegetable certificates, as defined in Sections 42791, 42792 and 42793 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, the Agricultural Commissioner may charge a fee based on Actual Time expended plus Mileage accrued, as defined in Section 1.
- 5) For the issuance of a certified producer's certificate per calendar year or portion thereof (including amendments to), as defined in Sections 1392.4, 1392.5, 1392.6 and 1392.8 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 3, the Agricultural Commissioner may charge a fee based on the Actual Time expended plus Mileage accrued, as defined in Section 1, with a one hour minimum. For the issuance of a certified farmers' market certificate, per calendar year or portion thereof for each location, as defined in Sections 1392.5, 1392.6 and 1392.8 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 3, the Agricultural Commissioner may charge the annual fee as applicable:

0 – 10 stalls.....\$370.00

11 – 20 stalls.....\$840.00

21 or more stalls.....\$1,260.00

- 6) For the inspection of certain vegetables and fruits, as defined in Riverside County Ordinance No. 610 and Sections 42792.1 and 42793 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, the Agricultural Commissioner may charge Actual Time expended plus Mileage accrued, as defined in Section 1.
- 7) For the inspection of green corn, as defined in Riverside County Ordinance No. 566 and Section 42792.1 of the California Agricultural Code, the Agricultural Commissioner may charge Actual Time expended plus Mileage accrued, as defined in Section 1.
- 8) Services related to apiaries:
- A. For bee colony strength inspection and certification, as defined in Sections 29193 and 29195 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, the Agricultural Commissioner may charge a fee based on the Actual Time expended plus Mileage accrued, as defined in Section 1.
 - B. For apiary American foulbrood disease inspections, as defined in Section 29201 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, the Agricultural Commissioner may charge a fee based on the Actual Time expended plus Mileage accrued, as defined in Section 1.
 - C. For abatement of American foulbrood disease, as defined in Sections 29207 and 29209 of

1 the California Food and Agricultural Code, the Agricultural Commissioner may charge a fee
2 based on the Actual Time expended plus Mileage accrued, as defined in Section 1.

3 D. For apiary pest inspection, as defined in Section 29201 of the California Food and
4 Agricultural Code, the Agricultural Commissioner may charge a fee based on the Actual
5 Time expended plus Mileage accrued, as defined in Section 1.

6 E. For apiary pest abatement, as defined in Section 29209 of the California Food and
7 Agricultural Code, the Agricultural Commissioner may charge a fee based on the Actual
8 Time expended plus Mileage accrued, as defined in Section 1.

9 **9)** For services related to cultivation, sampling, testing and abatement of industrial hemp as defined in
10 Chapter 8, Division 4, Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations, the Agricultural Commissioner
11 may charge a fee based on the Actual Time expended plus Mileage accrued, as defined in Section
12 1.

13 **10)** For registration with the Agricultural Commissioner's Office by a licensed Branch 1 Structural Pest
14 Control Business, as defined in Food and Agricultural Code Section 15204.5, for each calendar year
15 or fraction thereof, the Agricultural Commissioner may charge a registration fee in an amount
16 authorized under state law and not exceeding the actual cost of processing the registration.

17 **11)** For registration with the Agricultural Commissioner's Office by a licensed Branch 2 or Branch 3
18 Structural Pest Control Business, as defined in Food and Agricultural Code Section 15204, for each
19 calendar year or fraction thereof, the Agricultural Commissioner may charge a registration fee in an
20 amount authorized under state law and not exceeding the actual cost of processing the registration.

21 **12)** For each amendment to the registration of a licensed Branch 1 Structural Pest Control Business, as
22 defined in Food and Agricultural Code Section 15204.5, the Agricultural Commissioner may charge
23 an amendment fee in an amount authorized under state law and not exceeding the actual cost of
24 processing the amendment.

25 **13)** For each amendment to the registration of a licensed Branch 2 or Branch 3 Structural Pest Control
26 Business, as defined in Food and Agricultural Code Section 15204, the Agricultural Commissioner
27 may charge an amendment fee in an amount authorized under state law and not exceeding the actual
28 cost of processing the amendment.

- 1 **14)** For registration of a licensed pest control operator, as defined in Food and Agricultural Code
2 Sections 11701, 11732, and 11734, for each calendar year or fraction thereof, the Agricultural
3 Commissioner may charge a registration fee in an amount authorized under state law and not
4 exceeding the actual cost of processing the registration.
- 5 **15)** For registration of a maintenance gardener performing licensed pest control work, as defined in
6 Food and Agricultural Code Sections 11704 and 11734, for each calendar year or fraction thereof,
7 the Agricultural Commissioner may charge a registration fee in an amount authorized under state
8 law and not exceeding the actual cost of processing the registration.
- 9 **16)** For registration of an agricultural pest control adviser, as defined in Food and Agricultural Code
10 Sections 11410, 12002, 12031, and 12034, for each calendar year or fraction thereof, the
11 Agricultural Commissioner may charge a registration fee in an amount authorized under state law.
12 For an agricultural pest control adviser already registered in another county, the Agricultural
13 Commissioner may charge a reduced registration fee in an amount authorized under state law.
- 14 **17)** For registration of an agricultural pest control aircraft pilot, as defined in Food and Agricultural
15 Code Sections 11901, 11921, and 11923, for each calendar year or fraction thereof, the Agricultural
16 Commissioner may charge a registration fee consistent with the limits and distinctions established
17 in state law, including the reduced fee authorized for pilots already registered in another county.
- 18 **18)** For registration of a licensed farm labor contractor, as defined in Labor Code Section 1695, who
19 contracts with growers in Riverside County for farm labor, for each calendar year or fraction thereof,
20 the Agricultural Commissioner may charge a registration fee in an amount authorized under state law
21 and not exceeding the actual cost of processing the registration.
- 22 **19)** For a permit or wood receipt for native plants, as defined in Sections 80063, 80064, and 80101 of
23 the California Food and Agricultural Code, the Agricultural Commissioner may charge the
24 following minimum fee and per plant/per cord fee, as applicable:

25	Minimum Fee	\$10.00
26	Per cord of live or dead mesquite, palo verde, or ironwood species of trees, cut or removed for wood.....	\$1.00
27	Per native plant except Yucca brevifolia (Joshua Tree)	\$1.00
	Per Yucca brevifolia (Joshua tree).....	\$2.00
28	Per ton of Yucca Schidigera used for commercial harvesting.....	\$3.00

1 **20)** Pursuant to Section 12829 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, if a person has research
2 authorization for a pesticide issued pursuant to Section 6260 of Title 3 of the California Code of
3 Regulations for the purpose of testing the pesticide, and the produce on which the pesticide was
4 tested is required to be destroyed, any actual costs incurred by the Agricultural Commissioner to
5 investigate and confirm the destruction of the produce shall be paid for by the person who has the
6 research authorization. To investigate and confirm the destruction of the produce, the Agricultural
7 Commissioner may charge a fee based on the Actual Time expended plus Mileage accrued, as
8 defined in Section 1, not to exceed \$125.00 per test site.

9 **21)** For registration of a wholesaler of fresh fruit and vegetables under any license required under
10 Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 56101) of Division 20, and who maintains an office or
11 salesroom or conducts that business in the county, as defined in Sections 43061, 56103, 56110 and
12 56161 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, for each calendar year or fraction thereof, the
13 Agricultural Commissioner may charge \$500.00.

14 **22)** For requested inspections/consultations, training sessions, records research (crop information or
15 otherwise) not supported by fees otherwise provided for in this Resolution, the Agricultural
16 Commissioner may charge a fee based on the Actual Time expended plus Mileage accrued, as
17 defined in Section 1, with a two hour minimum.

18 **23)** For requested photocopying services, the Agricultural Commissioner may charge \$0.50 per page.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED that that the foregoing fees
20 established in each case are not more than the actual cost of the services rendered.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED that the authority and
22 guidelines for the above fee schedule comes from the following: California Food and Agricultural Code
23 Sections 5201, 5202, 6303(d), 11410, 11701, 11704, 11732, 11734, 11901, 11921, 11923, 12002, 12031,
24 12034, 12829, 15204, 15204.5, 29044, 29195, 29201, 29207, 29209, 42791, 42792, 42792.1, 42793, 47020,
25 80063, 80064, 80101, and 81005; California Code of Regulations, Title 3, Sections 1392.4, 1392.5, 1392.6,
26 1392.7, 1392.8, 1430, 3160, and 6260; California Labor Code Section 1695; and Riverside County
27 Ordinance Numbers 484, 566, and 610.
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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-056

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6 AGRICULTURAL SERVICES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

7 ROLL CALL:

8 Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Perez, and Gutierrez

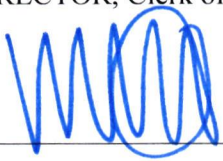
9 Nays: None

10 Absent: Washington

11 Abstain: None

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

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16 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

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18 By:  _____

19 Deputy

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