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To Owners of Commercial Weighing and Measuring Devices:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has revised their proposed regulation that specifies the amounts for new annual administrative fees for businesses that operate commercial weighing and measuring devices. If adopted, these fees will be based on the number and type of specified devices in commercial use at each business location, and are in addition to San Luis Obispo County's annual device registration fees. Please see the attached link for details:

<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dms/regulations.html>

The proposed regulation was developed to recover the costs that CDFA's Division of Measurement Standards (DMS) incurs for maintaining statewide oversight and providing technical training, support and coordination to county sealers and their staff in the course of their duties. Historically, this portion of the DMS budget has been funded by the state general fund, but recent budget shortfalls eliminated this general fund allocation. The fee method for helping fund DMS was recommended by an industry consortium during recent budget discussions. Assembly Bill 120 signed by the Governor on July 26, 2011, implements a new fee system and requires county boards of supervisors to collect administrative fees on behalf of the state and to forward those proceeds to CDFA. The proposed regulation specifies the amount of these new fees based on device types.

You may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulation until 5:00 p.m. on December 19, 2011. Submit comments and/or questions to:

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If you would like us to fax or mail a copy of the proposed regulation to you, please contact Brett Saum at 805-781-5922 or bsaum@co.slo.ca.us.

Sincerely,

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