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Karen Ross, Secretary

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Subject: Metrology Inter Governmental Fee Schedule

The California Department of Food and Agriculture's fiscal year 2012/13 budget includes an additional $2.5 million General Fund reduction. Included is a $125,000 reduction in funding for the Division of Measurement Standards' Metrology Laboratory. This amount represents nearly thirty percent of the Laboratory's $427,000 annual budget.

Business and Professions Code section 12310 requires the State to bear direct expenses incurred in the certification process of county standards but allows for incidental expenses to be borne by counties. Due to the substantial loss of funding for Metrology, the following schedule of fees is necessary to recover the incidental expenses when standards calibration/certification is required at a facility other than the Metrology Laboratory in Sacramento. These fees are effective immediately and will remain in effect until revised.

Metrologist Time (not spent directly on certification, e.g. drive time) - $150.00 per hour ($225.00 per hour for overtime)

Per Diem Expenses (meals and lodging) - up to $180.00 per day

Travel Expenses (parking costs, bridge and road tolls) - actual costs

In addition, the Metrology Laboratory has reduced staffing from 3 to 2 Metrologists. This may cause delays in the completion of timely calibrations/certifications. It is recommended that any county purchasing new standards have included an accredited calibration report, e.g. from a NVLAP or A2LA accredited laboratory.

If you have questions please contact Greg Boers, Principal State Metrologist, at (916) 229-3000 or via email greg.boers@cdfa.ca.gov

Sincerely,

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