



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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TO: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICIALS

SUBJECT: Advocate and Hearing Officer Training for the Weights and Measures Official

The Division of Measurement Standards (DMS) will provide training for mid- to senior-level weights and measures officials to prepare them to serve as a hearing officer and/or advocate for administrative civil penalty actions. Trainings will be held over a two-day period at three separate locations in the state and seating is limited to forty (40) participants per event.

Instructor: Robert Atkins, retired San Diego Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures with 35+ years progressive weights and measures enforcement experience. Additionally, Mr. Atkins has contracted with numerous southern county departments of agriculture/weights and measures to serve as their hearing officer. He has also provided advocacy training for the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association, the Assistant Agricultural Commissioner and Sealers Association, and the Department of Pesticide Regulation.

Prerequisites: Employment as a mid- or senior-level county weights and measures official.

2023 training sessions:

- **Alameda County:** November 1 and 2. Address: 4825 Gleason Drive, Dublin, CA
- **Tehama County:** November 28 and 29. Address: 1834 Walnut Street, Red Bluff, CA
- **Fresno County:** December 4 and 5. Address: 1720 South Maple Street, Fresno, CA

To attend, the County Sealer or Deputy Sealer must submit the name(s) and contact information of employee(s) to be considered. Every county in the host area groups (Coast, Northern, San Joaquin Valley) will be allowed two seats, more if available. DMS will confirm successful registration to each participant via email and cc the requesting Sealer or Deputy Sealer.

If you have questions, please contact Katherine de Contreras at (916) 229-3000 or by email at dms@cdfa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Kristin Macey
Director

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