

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)  
California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA)

### **State-County Cooperative Nursery Inspection Program**

The CDFA and County Agricultural Commissioners will maintain a uniform level of program commitment and inspection by fulfilling their respective responsibilities as specified in this Memorandum of Understanding.

The CDFA will allocate \$600,000 annually from the Agricultural Fund for disbursement to counties pursuant to nursery inspection contracts. In addition, any unused funds from the prior fiscal year nursery contracts will be added to the annual allocation for disbursement to counties.

Should available funding in the Agricultural Fund change significantly, CACASA and CDFA will review the existing standards and priorities contained within the Nursery Inspection Procedures Manual for appropriate modification.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

**The California Department of Food and Agriculture, pursuant to its statutory authority, shall:**

1. Manage and maintain a current nursery licensing system, which shall include the current list of nurseries authorized to use a Nursery Stock Certificate.
2. Coordinate and supervise a uniform nursery inspection program.
3. Issue procedural guidelines for proper nursery inspection.
4. Assist with the training of county inspection personnel.
5. Publish lists of pests classified as to their importance.
6. As new information becomes available, develop improved methods for the control of nursery pests.
7. Distribute information on new and/or improved pest control methods and best management practices to nurseries in cooperation with the County Agricultural Commissioners.

8. Locate serious pests which may require eradication and/or quarantine action in cooperation with County Agricultural Commissioners,
9. Develop control and eradication procedures.
10. Develop a standard form for reporting nursery inspections conducted by the County Agricultural Commissioner.

**As a signatory to this MOU, CACASA shall represent the interests of the County Agricultural Commissioners as they:**

1. Perform inspections as may be necessary to assure compliance with the laws, regulations, and contract requirements pertaining to nursery stock.
2. Train properly licensed county inspection personnel to ensure they perform effective nursery inspections.
3. Keep informed as to pest conditions in the nurseries in his/her county.
4. Keep nurseries advised of recommended methods of pest control, best management practices, applicable laws, regulations, and other requirements.
5. When necessary, enforce cleanliness standards in nurseries by abatement procedure in compliance with methods and definitions established by CDFA.
6. Maintain records and report enforcement activities to CDFA.
7. Certify the pest condition of nursery stock when required for sale or shipment.
8. Establish and implement agreements with other County Agricultural Commissioners for the movement of nursery stock within the state.
9. Investigate all complaints and take appropriate enforcement action regarding nursery products offered for sale or sold within the county.
10. Enforce nursery stock licensing requirement for all nursery operations within the county.

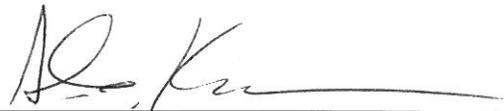
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This Memorandum of Understanding replaces the Memorandum of Understanding entitled "State-County Nursery Inspection Program", dated June 7, 1995 and the Memorandum of Understanding entitled "Nursery Inspection & Nursery Pest Control Responsibilities", dated July 11, 1975.

This MOU will be reviewed annually by both signatories. It may be amended only by written mutual agreement of both parties.

  
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Robert Atkins, President  
California Agricultural Commissioners and  
Sealers Association

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A.G. Kawamura, Secretary  
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