

Amend the following:

3 CCR § 2950

§ 2950. ~~Assessment.~~ Registration Fee

- (a) Each beekeeper, apiary owner, apiary operator or the person in possession of any apiary on January 1 of each year shall pay to the Director, on January 1 of each year, an annual fee the amount stated in section 2951 based upon the largest number of colonies of bees in California under their ownership, possession, or control during the preceding twelve-month period, regardless of origin.
- (b) Each beekeeper, apiary owner, apiary operator or the person who comes into possession of any apiary after January 1 of each year shall pay to the Director, within 30 days of coming into possession of such apiary, the amount stated in section 12951 based upon the largest number of colonies of bees in California under their ownership, possession, or control during the preceding twelve-month period, regardless of origin.

Authority cited: Sections 407, 29040, 29042 and 2903244, Food and Agricultural Code.  
Reference: Section 2930444, Food and Agricultural Code.

3 CCR § 2951

§ 2951. ~~Assessment Fee.~~ Registration Fee Schedule

~~The apiary assessment fee is 15 cents (\$0.15) per colony of honey bees.~~

(a) This section establishes an annual registration fee schedule for any person in possession of an apiary. The registration fee schedule is as follows:

<u>(1) Number of colonies</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>1 – 9 colonies</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>10-50 colonies</u>	<u>\$100</u>
<u>51 + colonies</u>	<u>\$250</u>

(2) The late fee for payments that are untimely under Section 2950 shall be \$0 until January 1, 2025. Starting January 1, 2025, late fees shall be levied according to a revised fee schedule.

(b) Adjustments to Registration Fee Schedule

(1) If the Apiary Board (Board) approves a proposed change in registration fee as necessary to meet the operational needs of the program, the Board shall promptly make its written recommendation on the registration fee schedule to the Secretary.

(2) The Secretary shall approve or disapprove the recommendation and so notify the Board in writing of their decision within 30 calendar days of receipt of the recommendation of proposed registration fee changes by the Board. If the Secretary does not issue notification of approval or disapproval within 30 days, then the recommendation is considered disapproved.

(3) If the recommendation is approved by the Secretary, the new registration fee schedule will be adopted in regulation and posted online at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/pollinators/ApiaryProtection.html>

(4) The fee schedule shall become effective on the first day of the year following the date on which the approved change is posted to <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/pollinators/ApiaryProtection.html> if posted prior to October 1. Fee schedules posted after October 1 will become effective on the first day of the second year following the date posted.

Authority cited: Sections 407, 29040, 29042 and 2903244, Food and Agricultural Code.  
Reference: Sections 29026 and 2930144, Food and Agricultural Code.