



MEMORANDUM
Agriculture
Weights and Measures
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: September 25, 2018

FROM: Joshua P. Huntsinger, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

SUBJECT: Agreement for Shared Use of Equipment with Sacramento and Amador County

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Approve and authorize the Agricultural Commission/Sealer to sign an agreement with the County of Sacramento regarding the shared use of specialized weights and measures testing equipment.
2. Approve and authorize the Agricultural Commission/Sealer to sign a lease agreement with the County of Amador for the use of Placer County's weight truck with crane and weight standards.

BACKGROUND

California Business and Professions Code Section 12210 mandates that each County Sealer shall try and test all weights, scales, beams, measures of any kind, instruments or mechanical devices for weighing or measurements that are used for commercial purposes.

Many of these tests require highly-specialized and expensive equipment that while required, may only be needed for short periods of time each year. Placer and Sacramento counties each own unique and specialized weights and measures testing equipment that could be shared in an equitable fashion and would allow each county to complete their mandated work and avoid the expense of individually purchasing and owning equipment that is needed for only a few weeks per year.

Per the agreement, Sacramento County will provide their 50,000 LB truck with a crane, certified weight standards, and licensed Sacramento County employee/driver to Placer County for a period not to exceed five days per calendar year. In exchange, Placer County will provide our 100 gallon liquid propane gas prover for use by Sacramento County for up to 21 days per calendar year, and our high-volume petroleum prover trailer with truck and licensed Placer County employee/driver for use by Sacramento County for up to two days per calendar year.

Since 2010, Amador County has leased a 26,000 LB weight truck with a crane and weight standards from Placer County in order to test their medium-capacity scales in accordance with state law. The agreement with Amador represents a renewal of the lease, and will allow Amador County to continue to use Placer's weight truck and related equipment for up to 30 days per calendar year in exchange for a payment of \$2000.00 per year.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15309 (Inspections) and 15061(b)(3) (General Rule).

FISCAL IMPACT

This activity is included in the Agriculture Department's FY 2018-2019 budget. This agreement will result in a net savings to Placer County as compared being required to rent or purchase a 50,000 LB truck with crane and weight standards. Lease revenue of \$2,000 annually from Amador County is included in the Agriculture Department's FY 2018-2019 budget.

On file with Clerk of the Board:

Shared Use Agreement with Sacramento County
Lease Agreement with Amador County

