

**FINDINGS PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15273(a)**

The Board of Supervisors finds as follows:

1. The proposed action involves the amendment of Section 364.3 of the Administrative Code to adjust or modify fees and hourly rates to be charged by County staff for specified applications, permits, registrations, inspections, and other related services provided by the Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures (AWM).
2. These fees and hourly rates are based on AWM calculations and are intended to meet anticipated operational expenses, including wage rates and fringe benefits costs for County employees assisting with specified applications, permits, registrations, inspections, and other related services provided by AWM. Worksheets explaining the basis for each fee and hourly rate have been made available for public review.
3. Consistent with Board of Supervisors Policy B-29 to recover the full cost for services provided to agencies and individuals outside the County of San Diego, these fees and hourly rates are necessary to recover actual costs associated with performance of specific services relating to specified applications, permits, registrations, inspections, and other related services provided by AWM.
4. For the above reasons and those stated in the May 3, 2023 Board letter and accompanying documents related to the adoption of an ordinance to amend Section 364.3 of the Administrative Code, the proposed action is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15273 of the CEQA Guidelines.