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DATE: June 9, 2008
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MEETINGS FOR PROPOSED FEE CHANGES

Current Ag Water Quality (Stormwater) fees were established in 2002. We are now in the process of evaluating fees and determining appropriate fee changes as required by County policy.

The businesses affected by these fees are nurseries, greenhouses, cemeteries, golf courses, agricultural and structural pest control businesses, and horse facilities within unincorporated areas of San Diego County. As mandated by the County Stormwater Permit, * we are required to make inspections and determine compliance.

The goal of this program is to prevent pesticides, fertilizers, bacteria and sediment from entering County waterways in order to preserve valuable water resources for future generations.

<u>Current Fees</u>	<u>Proposed Fees</u>
\$100 annual registration fee per business	\$100 annual registration fee per location
\$60 / hour inspection fee	\$72 / hour inspection fee
\$90 / hour re-inspection fee	\$108 / hour re-inspection fee

Meetings will be held to discuss the proposed fee structure and answer questions. An overview of the mandatory state requirements will be presented. Please join us on one of the following dates to learn more. If you plan on attending or have any questions, please call (858) 694-8980.

Where and When

County Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures Office
5555 Overland Ave, Suite 3101, San Diego, CA 92123
Wednesday, June 18, 2008 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

County Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures Office
334 Via Vera Cruz, Suite 150, San Marcos, CA 92078
Thursday, June 19, 2008 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

* The County Stormwater Permit is formally known as the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region Order No. R9-2007-0001, NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) No. CAS0108758, Waste Discharge Requirements For Discharges Of Urban Runoff From The Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Draining the Watersheds of the County of San Diego, The Incorporated Cities of San Diego County, The San Diego Unified Port District, and The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.