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Sealer of Weights and Measures

Here in Mendocino County, during March, we recognize National Weights and Measures Week every year, commemorating the signing of the first U.S. weights and measures law by President John Adams on March 2, 1799. Celebrating Weights and Measures Week informs the public of the value consumers receive from weights and measures inspection programs. When consumers purchase fuel, take a trip to the grocery store, accept delivery of fuel at their home, submeter utilities such as electricity, gas, and water, or buy anything by weight or measure, remember the dedicated staff of three (3) Agricultural/Measurement Standards Specialists and support staff from the weights and measures program in our county who work tirelessly to make sure the county consumers get what they pay for, ensuring "That Equity May Prevail."

The evolution and establishment of a uniform system of weights and measures have significantly impacted society, as it provides confidence in the marketplace for both consumers and businesses. If all economic participants are assured of fairness in transactions, they are more likely to engage openly in trade. Weights and Measures programs contribute significantly to economic development by promoting equity in the marketplace for all our stakeholders.

Mendocino County has the following commercial devices that are inspected annually:

- 66 retail fueling stations with 1,313 retail motor fuel dispensers
- 107 LPG meters that include stationary meters and truck-mounted meters.
- 145 Class II scales
- 449 computing scales and 272 counter scales
- 201 platform scales, 49 hanging/crane scales, and 6 livestock scales, capable of weighing up to 10,000 pounds.
- 30 vehicle meters
- 13 vehicle scales used in commercial transactions for bulk deliveries of petroleum products.
- 7 retail meters used to measure kerosene accurately, DEF, and other non-automotive products.
- 40 Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations

On our agricultural side, we will begin pest detection work for the European Grapevine Moth in March, followed by additional trapping for invasive fruit flies such as Mediterranean, Oriental, Melon, and Mexican later this spring. We will also inspect for economically damaging pests such as Glassy-Wing Sharpshooters, Spotted Lantern Flies, Spongy Moth, and Japanese Beetle. Our colorful yellow, red, green, and white triangle traps can be spotted in potential host trees throughout vineyards and agricultural and residential properties.

It is time to renew Ag Passes for 2025. Our county-based "Ag Pass" program provides a uniform way to identify vetted commercial farm and ranch owner-operators and their employees to firefighting personnel, California Highway Patrol officers, Sheriff's deputies and other law enforcement officers, and other emergency personnel. Possession of an Ag Pass during a wildfire or a similar disaster (or "all-hazard" emergency) potentially allows the agriculturalist limited emergency access to areas that may otherwise be restricted to the public. Contact Traci Haggett for a streamlined renewal process. For more information, please get in touch with the Mendocino County Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures at 707-234-6830 or agcomm@mendocinocounty.gov.

Thank you for your attention and support as we work towards a sustainable future for Mendocino County.