



Agricultural Commissioner
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Chief Deputy
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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: Appointment of John Beall as Ventura County Sealer of Weights & Measures.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appoint John Beall as Ventura County Sealer of Weights & Measures for a one-year term, effective January 1, 2024.

FISCAL MANDATES/IMPACT:

Mandatory:	Yes, Business and Professions Code Section
12200	
Source of Funding:	N/A
Funding Match Required:	N/A
Impact on Other Departments:	None

STRATEGIC PLAN

Appointing John Beall as Ventura County Sealer of Weights & Measures is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Priority – *Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Vitality* under the goal of fostering a thriving business ecosystem to create jobs, increase wages and strengthen the local economy. The role of the Weights & Measures division is to protect the interests of the buyer and seller to ensure honesty and integrity of everyday business transactions. This protection is accomplished through the enforcement of the laws of the State of California and promotes a healthy, balanced economy.

DISCUSSION

The Business and Professions Code of California requires each county to have a county sealer of Weights & Measures (Sealer) who directs the county office of Weights & Measures. The County Sealer is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and is required to have a Sealer's license from the Secretary of the State Department of Food and

Agriculture. Our department intends to bring forth an ordinance by the end of the year to consolidate the offices of the Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer into a single office. At that time, we will request the appointment of the incumbent Agricultural Commissioner to the consolidated office. I am working towards obtaining the appropriate Sealer licenses and expect to be fully licensed by this time. In the interim, it is requested that your Board appoint John Beall as Ventura County Sealer of Weights & Measures for one year, effective January 1, 2024.

John Beall has served as Deputy Agricultural Commissioner for Ventura County since 2017 and has been the Deputy overseeing the Weights & Measures programs since they were transferred from the Resource Management Agency Code Compliance Division to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office in January of 2022. Prior to this, he served 30 years as a Biologist/Standards Specialist for San Mateo County where he also carried a Class B license to perform specialized assignments with large capacity trucks.

The Agricultural Commissioner, County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel have reviewed this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 933-2415.

Sincerely,



Korinne Bell
Agricultural Commissioner