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MIKE BENNETT APPOINTED OC AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER AND SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Milton "Mike" Bennett has been appointed Orange County's Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures, effective immediately. The consolidated offices of Orange County Agricultural Commissioner and Orange County Sealer of Weights and Measures are state-mandated positions that serve upon the appointment of the Board of Supervisors to a four-year term.

Mike Bennett has more than 35 years of experience with the Orange County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, serving as a District Biologist, Program Supervisor, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner and most recently as the Acting Agricultural Commissioner. Mike earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and a Master of Science in Environmental Studies from California State University, Fullerton.

The office of Orange County Agricultural Commissioner and Orange County Sealer of Weights and Measures is responsible for enforcing agricultural and pesticide regulations and certification of commercial weighing and measuring devices throughout the county. The office certifies all commercial weighing and measuring devices to ensure consumers receive the quantities of products they pay for, from taxi fares to grocery items. It administers programs to monitor and control exotic plant pests and diseases, such as the recent detection of the Big-headed ant. Additional programs protect residents, users and the environment from pesticide hazards. These services are countywide and are provided equally within city boundaries as well as in unincorporated areas. The offices are at 222 East Bristol Lane in Orange. For more information, call (714) 955-0100 or visit www.ocagcomm.com.

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