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TO: Board of Supervisors
Agenda Date: August 12, 2025

FROM: Maurice Anderson, CAO

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SUBJECT: Appointment of Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board: Approve the appointment of Mr. Gary Fensler to the position of Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures for the term of four (4) years ending August 12, 2029, at Step B, Range 33, of the Appointed Department Head salary schedule.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no increase to the FY2025-26 General Fund budget appropriations. The base annual salary of \$135,503 (Range 33, Step G) is currently allocated to Fund 100-0601. The appointee is offered a base annual salary of \$106,818 (Range 33, Step B) resulting in a general fund savings. There will be additional salary savings from the appointee's vacant position during the recruitment period.

DISCUSSION: The Agricultural Commissioner retired effective August 8, 2025. A promotional recruitment was initiated resulting in one qualified applicant, Gary Fensler. Mr. Fensler currently holds the position of Supervising Agricultural Inspector within the Lassen County Agricultural Department.

Per the Food and Agricultural Code Sections 2121 through 2123, the commissioner shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors; the commissioner serves a four (4)- year term from and after appointment and until a successor is appointed; and the commissioner must possess a license issued by the State of California, Department of Food and Agriculture.

Mr. Fensler is currently licensed by the State of California, Department of Food and Agriculture and is eligible to the positions of Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures. Mr. Fensler served as the Modoc County Agricultural Commissioner, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner in Del Norte and Siskiyou Counties prior to coming to Lassen County.

[Up^](#)[Add To My Favorites](#)**FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE - FAC****DIVISION 2. LOCAL ADMINISTRATION [2001 - 2350]** (*Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1967, Ch. 15.*)**CHAPTER 2. County Agricultural Commissioners and Their Employees [2101 - 2287]** (*Chapter 2 enacted by Stats. 1967, Ch. 15.*)**ARTICLE 2. Appointment and Employment [2121 - 2129]** (*Article 2 enacted by Stats. 1967, Ch. 15.*)

2121. The commissioner shall be appointed by the board of supervisors of the county. Any chartered county may, however, prescribe a different method of appointment.

(Enacted by Stats. 1967, Ch. 15.)

2122. The term of office of the commissioner shall be four years from and after his appointment and until his successor is appointed. He may, however, be removed pursuant to this chapter.

(Enacted by Stats. 1967, Ch. 15.)

2123. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a person shall not be appointed to the office of commissioner or deputy commissioner unless he or she has a license issued by the director. The license of any qualified incumbent shall be renewed without further examination.

(Amended by Stats. 1987, Ch. 734, Sec. 11. Effective September 18, 1987.)

2124. If the board of supervisors of such adjoining county consents, the board of supervisors of any county in which there is no commissioner may employ a qualified commissioner or a qualified deputy commissioner of the adjoining county to perform the duties of commissioner in the employing county.

A commissioner or deputy commissioner who is so employed shall have such authority and powers as are conferred upon a commissioner by this code. He is not required to comply with residence or other qualifications for office within the employing county.

(Enacted by Stats. 1967, Ch. 15.)

2125. In any county in which no commissioner has served, the director shall perform the duties of commissioner in the same manner, to the same extent, and with the same authority as if he had been the duly appointed commissioner in such county.

(Enacted by Stats. 1967, Ch. 15. Note: See this section as modified on July 17, 1991, in Governor's Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1991.)

2126. The commissioner may appoint deputy commissioners, inspectors, and clerks who shall serve at his pleasure. Such inspectors may be designated as county agricultural inspectors or county agricultural biologists.

(Amended by Stats. 1973, Ch. 558.)

2127. Deputy commissioners and inspectors shall be appointed from a list which is furnished by the director of persons who hold a license for the office.

(Amended by Stats. 1987, Ch. 734, Sec. 12. Effective September 18, 1987.)

2128. If the position of deputy commissioner cannot be filled from the list, a temporary appointment may be made for a period not exceeding six months upon the written recommendation of the director.

(Enacted by Stats. 1967, Ch. 15.)

2129. If the position of inspector cannot be filled from the list, a temporary appointment not exceeding six months may be made.

(Enacted by Stats. 1967, Ch. 15.)