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Promoting and protecting agriculture, environmental quality, and ensuring equity in the marketplace.

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 MARIN COUNTY CONSUMER PROTECTION REPORT

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the fiscal year 2015-16 Marin County Consumer Protection Report.

SUMMARY: This is the inaugural Consumer Protection Report for Marin County. This report provides an overview of the consumer protection programs under the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures. It will be submitted each year for acceptance by your Board and made available to consumers and other interested parties.

Weights and Measures consumer protection programs touch nearly every aspect of our society and it's vital that consumers and sellers are aware of how their tax dollars are spent every day on protecting their pocketbook to ensure they are getting what they pay for every transaction.

HISTORY: For the past 18 years, the Department's Weights and Measures consumer protection programs were included in the annual Livestock and Crop Report. During a departmental brainstorming session on increasing consumer awareness to our various programs, an inspector suggested pulling the Weights and Measures information from the Livestock and Crop Report and creating an Annual Consumer Protection Report, which everyone thought was a brilliant concept. Another idea was to align the annual presentation of this report to your Board on the Tuesday of National Weights and Measures Week, which is the first week in March. We will plan to present the report each year during this week.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

REVIEWED BY:

( )	County Administrator	(X) N/A
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Respectfully submitted,

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