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RESOLUTION NO. 2010-_____
RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, the Marin County organic certification program and associated fee schedule, Chapter 23.20 of the Marin County Code were established by ordinance on October 3, 2000 to provide affordable organic certification services for local organic producers, and

WHEREAS, the County Agricultural Commissioner conducts a voluntary certification program pursuant to California's Food and Agricultural Code section 46014.1(c) which provides that the Agricultural Commissioner shall establish a fee schedule for participants in this program which covers the county's reasonable costs of the program, and

WHEREAS, fees paid for Marin Organic Certified Agriculture (MOCA) services by the producers offset program cost by approximately 18%, while approximately fifty percent (50%) of the programs net county costs are reimbursed by the State of California through Unrefunded Gas Tax (UBT), and

WHEREAS, during FY07/08 fee revenues and reimbursements totaled \$88,000 with expenditures reaching approximately \$143,000 in direct and indirect costs for organic certification services, and an additional \$8,000 for reaccreditation audit services by USDA's National Organic Program (NOP), and

WHEREAS, the proposed fee adjustment are estimated to increase annual fee revenues by \$10,000 bringing revenues generated through fees to \$36,000, intended to offset the additional cost of USDA audit and reduce net county costs by approximately \$5,000 annually, and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Code section 23.20.030 (Program Authority and Fees) is being amended to authorize the Board of supervisors to adopt and amend, by resolution, an annual schedule of fees to reimburse the county for certified organic operation including crop or livestock production, wild-crop harvesting or handling operation that is certified by Marin County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the County of Marin, State of California, that the fees for the organic certification program are increased as set forth on Exhibit A, attached, and

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this ____th day of _____, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES:
ABSENT:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

CLERK

Exhibit A

**Organic Fees
Department of Agriculture / Weights and Measures**

	<i>\$ Amount</i>
(1) Application fee (new applicants):	\$200.00
(2) Site inspection fee:	\$80.00 / hr
Mileage fee:	current county rate
Late Renewal Fee	\$150.00

Producer/grower:

<i>Acres</i>	<i>\$ Amount</i>
0--1	\$100.00
1.1 to 5.0	\$165.00
5.1 to 15	\$200.00
15.1 to 50	\$325.00
50.1 and up	\$475.00

Specific production category for hay, silage and pasture:

<i>Acres</i>	<i>\$ Amount</i>
0--50	\$135.00
51--200	\$200.00
200-500	\$300.00
>500	\$425.00

Livestock producers (except dairy):

<i># of Animals</i>	<i>\$ Amount</i>
0--50	\$250.00
51 to 150	\$350.00
151 to 300	\$450.00
301 to 450	\$525.00
>450	\$625.00

Poultry (for egg production only)

<i># of Animals</i>	<i>\$ Amount</i>
0--50 chickens	\$125.00
51 to 200	\$250.00
Over 200	\$425 .00

Livestock producers--Dairy:

<i># of Animals</i>	<i>\$ Amount</i>
0--50	\$750.00
51 to 150	\$1,125.00
151 to 300	\$1,500.00
>300	\$2,000.00

Handler/Processor:	Handler	Processor
<i>Gross Sales</i>	<i>\$ Amount</i>	<i>\$ Amount</i>
0--50,000	\$100.00	\$200.00
50,001 to 100,000	\$200.00	\$275.00
100,001 to 250,000	\$375.00	\$425.00
250,001 to 500,000	\$500.00	\$650.00
500,001 to 1,000,000	\$850.00	\$1,300.00
1,000,001 to 2,500,000	\$1,500.00	\$2,100.00
Over 2,500,000	\$2,500.00	\$3,100.00
		<i>\$ Amount</i>
Document fees:		\$ 25.00
Additional acreage or operation:		\$150.00
Change of ownership/management:		\$100.00
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