

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between
The County of Monterey Agricultural Commissioner's Office and
The Monterey County Agricultural and Rural Life Museum**

Agricultural Education Program Development & Implementation

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Monterey, through the County of Monterey Agricultural Commissioner's Office (hereafter, "County" or "CAC") and the Monterey County Agricultural and Rural Life Museum (MCARLM) (collectively, "the parties") sets forth the roles and responsibilities of each party regarding County one time funding for certain Agricultural Education Programs including countywide expansion of the agricultural education program serving K-12 students.

Recitals

Whereas, as part of the Budget process each year since FY 2009-10, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey has directed the Agricultural Commissioner to provide support of agricultural education efforts; and

Whereas the parties understand and agree that said one time support from County, through the Agricultural Commissioner, to MCARLM shall be dependent on funding and approval by the Board of Supervisors as outlined through the County's Budget review and approval process; and

Whereas, the Agricultural Commissioner has funding currently available in its FY 2025-26 budget approved by the Board of Supervisors sufficient to make the payment set forth in this MOU for FY 2025-26.

Now, therefore, the parties agree as follows:

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to provide funding to MCARLM for certain educational programs conducted or commenced by MCARLM through FY 2028-2029 to establish an understanding between the County, through the CAC, and MCARLM regarding the roles and responsibilities of said parties in relation to funding provided by the County, through the CAC office, for MCARLM's educational programs.

The Agricultural Commissioner shall provide one time funding to MCARLM in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. Funding from the CAC will be directed by MCARLM towards educational programs, including countywide expansion of their agricultural educational program for students K-12, development of an agricultural educational mobile program serving students countywide, support for increased access and transportation equity to schools in rural communities for field trips to the Agricultural Museums and Exhibits in San Lorenzo Park in King City, and activities related to:

- Pest Management and Control
- Invasive Species Monitoring
- Fruit and Vegetable Standardization
- Crop Statistics

Roles and Deliverables

MCARLM shall provide the CAC with a brief progress report each year starting in August of 2027 that includes updates on the agricultural program expansion, number of schools and students served in the County, and locations and cities in the County where agricultural education outreach has been conducted. A final progress report will be due in August of 2029 to the CAC with achievements of the program.

MOU Monterey County Agricultural & Rural Life Museum
Term: 06/16/2026 thru 06/30/2029
Not to exceed \$75,000

MCARLM shall include the County of Monterey and CAC logo in print material related to agricultural education through June 30, 2029.

Other Provisions

The County shall hold harmless and indemnify MCARLM for any claims, actions or proceedings arising out of the negligence or willful misconduct of its officers, employees, or agents in the performance of its duties pursuant to this MOU. The MCARLM shall hold harmless and indemnify the County for any claims, actions or proceedings arising out of the negligence or willful misconduct of its officers, employees, or agents in the performance of its duties pursuant to this MOU.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 8546.7 (Examination and audit of contracts involving expenditure of public funds), the parties to this MOU understand and agree that this MOU involves the expenditure of public funds in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); and therefore, the parties shall be subject to examination and audit by the California State Auditor at the request of the County, or as part of any audit of the County by the State Auditor, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under this MOU and any amendments thereto.

Any action to modify or amend this MOU shall be done in writing. The party requesting the modification or amendment shall give the other party ninety (90) days written notice of any such proposed action which shall be subject to the mutual agreement of the parties to this MOU. Any modification or amendment to this MOU shall be in writing and shall be executed by and between the parties.

Either party may terminate this MOU by providing ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.

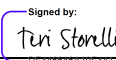
The individuals executing this MOU on behalf of the parties represent and warrant that he or she has the requisite authority to enter into this MOU on behalf of said party.

This MOU shall become effective upon the last date opposite the respective signatures below and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2029, or until this MOU is modified or terminated by the parties.

County of Monterey

Monterey County Agricultural and Rural Life Museum

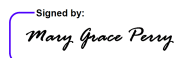
By: _____
Juan Hidalgo
Agricultural Commissioner

By:  _____
Teri Storelli
Executive Director

Date: _____

Date: 6/8/2026 | 1:00 PM PDT

Approved as to form and legality
Susan K. Blicht, County Counsel

By:  _____
Mary Grace Perry
Deputy County Counsel

Date: 6/8/2026 | 1:06 PM PDT

Approved as to fiscal provisions
Rupa Shah, Auditor-Controller

By: DocuSigned by:
Andrea Valentine
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Date: 6/9/2026 | 8:13 AM PDT