

## **Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Monterey Agricultural Commissioner's Office and the Salinas Valley Fair**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Monterey, through the Agricultural Commissioner's Office (hereafter, "County" or "CAC") and the Salinas Valley Fair, ("SVF") (collectively "the parties") sets forth the roles and responsibilities of each party regarding County funding (not to exceed \$25,000) of the 2026 Salinas Valley Fair Agriculture Building for the purpose of agriculture education.

### **Recitals**

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors approved funding last year. The Agricultural Commissioner wishes to provide support for agricultural education efforts by the Salinas Valley Fair and;

Whereas, the parties understand and agree that said support from County, through the Agricultural Commissioner to SVF shall be dependent on approval by the Board of Supervisors; 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 2025-2026;

Now, therefore, the parties agree as follows:

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this MOU is to provide funding on or before June 30, 2026, to SVF for the setup, upkeep and monitoring of the SVF Agriculture Building. The Fair is scheduled to take place from May 14, 2026 through May 17, 2026.

This MOU is to provide funding to SVF for the Agricultural Building and to establish an understanding between the County, through the CAC, and the SVF regarding the roles and responsibilities of said parties.

### **Roles**

SVF shall provide an educational agricultural display which includes a hands-on experience "Barn Yard Adventures" and reality posters to engage visitors through their smart phones during the Fair from May 14, 2026 through May 17, 2026.

SVF shall include the CAC's logo in print material.

### **Other Provisions**

Any future funding to this MOU is subject to funding availability as determined through the County's annual Budget review and approval process. Funds will be dispersed upon approval of the Board of Supervisors.

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

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 through and including June 30, 2026, or until this MOU is modified or terminated by the parties.

**County of Monterey**

By:   
Juan Hidalgo  
Agricultural Commissioner

Date: 1/21/2026 | 7:32 AM PST

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

By:   
Mary Grace Perry  
Deputy County Counsel

Date: 1/16/2026 | 10:36 AM PST

Approved as to fiscal provisions  
Rupa Shah, Auditor-Controller

By:   
Patricia Ruiz

Date: 1/20/2026 | 7:28 AM PST

**Salinas Valley Fair**

By:   
Lauren Hamilton  
CEO, Salinas Valley Fair

Date: 1/16/2026 | 1:16 PM EST