

October 27, 2026

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING ASSISTANT
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER DARIN B. HEARD UPON HIS RETIREMENT
WITH 37 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO KERN COUNTY
Fiscal Impact: None**

Darin Heard began his career with the Kern County Department of Agriculture & Measurement Standards on July 1, 1989. Mr. Heard promoted through all of the Agricultural Biologist classifications to Supervisor, Deputy Director, and finally Assistant Agricultural Commissioner/Director on November 16, 2017, a role in which he served for nearly nine years.

Key tasks during his career included working on various Pest Detection Trapping Programs, Fruit & Vegetable Standardization, Egg Quality Control, Pesticide Use Enforcement, the Apiary Program, Weights & Measures, and Supervision.

On July 10, 2026, Assistant Commissioner Darin Heard retired after 37 years of service to the Kern County Department of Agriculture and Measurement Standards. He truly embodied the department mission, "To promote and protect the agricultural industry, environment, and general public". His commitment has earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board adopt the attached resolution honoring retired Assistant Agricultural Commissioner Darin Heard for 37 years of dedicated service to the County of Kern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glenn T. Fankhauser".

Glenn T. Fankhauser
Agricultural Commissioner
Sealer of Weights and Measures

GTF:ckm
Attachment
cc: C.A.O.