Good morning:

My name is Steven Embury. My current position with the California Department of Food and Agriculture as a Pest Prevention Assistant I. I have had this position since May of 2019 and my current salary is \$34758.00 a month.

Comparing my position to a County of San Diego Pest Technician I doing the same duties I do, they have a salary range of \$44574 to 54808.

For reference purpose at the County of San Diego, the Insect Detection I position makes between \$31283. And \$38417. This is the lowest hire in to position for the County Agriculture Pest Detection department. Duty wise that would be equal to the CDFAs Ag. Tech I position. At the County the Insect Detection Specialist II salary is \$36940 to \$45364. Duty wise that would be equal to CDFAs Ag Tech II position.

At this time I am performing Insect detection duties as well as opening and closing our office when needed.

The pay difference between the County of San Diego Ariculture and the State of California Dept. of Agriculture is significant.

Steven Embury

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Pest Prevention Assistant I