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Mr. Vito Chiesa, Chairperson Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors 1010 Tenth Street, Suite 6700 Modesto, California 95354

Dear Chairperson Chiesa:

On July 3, 2013, the U.S. Department of Agriculture granted a Secretarial disaster designation for the primary counties of Mariposa, Merced, San Benito, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and the contiguous counties of Alameda, Alpine, Calaveras, Fresno, Madera, Mono, Monterey, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz. This designation is a result of the final rule announced for the USDA Disaster Designation Process (7 CFR 759), which includes the nearly automatic approval for counties with drought intensity levels of D2 (for 8 consecutive weeks), D3, and D4 as reported on the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is providing the enclosed information regarding this designation. Please inform potential applicants throughout your county of this designation and information.

Sincerely,

KARMA HACKNEY

Individual Assistance Officer

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c: Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services

Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner

Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)

Gary Leslie, County/State Liaison, CDFA

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U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Designation USDA #S3547 - D2, D3, D4 Drought

Designation Information

The following table illustrates the designation information.

Eligible Primary County(s):	Mariposa, Merced, San Benito, Stanislaus, Tuolumne
Eligible Contiguous County(s):	Alameda, Alpine, Calaveras, Fresno, Madera, Mono, Monterey, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz
Event:	Final rule for the USDA Disaster Designation Process (7 CFR 759), which includes the nearly automatic approval for counties with drought intensity levels of D2 (for 8 consecutive weeks), D3, and D4 as reported on the U.S. Drought Monitor. Incident Period: May 7, 2013 – July 1, 2013
Assistance made available by designation:	 Emergency farm loans for actual losses as a direct result of the disaster Up to a maximum of \$500,000
Application deadline:	March 3, 2014
Who may apply:	Farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations
How to apply:	 Contact local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office listed in the local telephone directory under U.S. Government, Agriculture Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD)
USDA website for additional information:	www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm

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Dear Chairperson Chiesa:

The U.S. Small Business Administration declared the primary counties of Mariposa, Merced, San Benito, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and the contiguous counties of Alameda, Alpine, Calaveras, Fresno, Madera, Mono, Monterey, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz a disaster area. This declaration is a result of a July 3, 2013, U.S. Department of Agriculture disaster designation due to drought severity levels of D2 (for eight consecutive weeks), D3, or D4, as identified on the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is providing the enclosed information regarding this declaration. Please inform interested individuals, businesses, and city officials within your county of this declaration and information.

Sincerely,

KARMA HACKNEY

Individual Assistance Officer

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U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Declaration SBA #13653 - D2, D3, D4 Drought

Declaration Information

The following table illustrates the declaration information.

Eligible Primary County(s):	Mariposa, Merced, San Benito, Stanislaus, Tuolumne
Eligible Contiguous County(s):	Alameda, Alpine, Calaveras, Fresno, Madera, Mono, Monterey, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz
Reason/Event:	July 3, 2013, U.S. Department of Agriculture disaster designation due to drought severity levels of D2 (for eight consecutive weeks), D3, or D4, as identified on the U.S. Drought Monitor.
Assistance made available by declaration:	SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans
Application deadline for business economic injury:	March 3, 2014
Who may apply:	Small, non-farm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, and most private non-profit organizations of any size. Small businesses include those that do business directly with the growers, such as truckers and suppliers of agricultural equipment or services.
How to apply:	Contact SBA at 1-800-659-2955 , or visit SBA's website at: <u>www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance</u> . Hearing impaired individuals may call 1-800-877-8339.