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TO: Senator Bill Diamond, Senate Chair
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Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator John M. Nutting, Senate Chair *J.M.N.*
Representative Wendy Pieh, House Chair *W.P.*
Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

DATE: March 8, 2010

RE: Reorganization of the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Resources -
Recommendation for Inclusion in AFA Committee Amendment to LD 1671

During the review of the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Resources under the Government Evaluation Act, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry became aware of reclassifications and other position changes needed to implement the department's proposed restructuring from 4 divisions to 3. PL 2009, c. 462, Part K eliminated a Division Director for the Division of Marketing and Production Development. However, other changes associated with the elimination of the division have not been made.

Attached is a memo from Deputy Commissioner Ned Porter with the details of needed revisions to accomplish the transition to 3 divisions. ACF concurs with these proposals and respectfully recommends that these be included in the AFA committee amendment to LD 1671.

cc: Commissioner Bradstreet
Deputy Commissioner Porter
Maureen Dawson

To: Rep. Wendy Pieh and Senator John Nutting

From: Deputy Commissioner Ned Porter

Re: Departmental reorganization plan.

March 2, 2010

During Committee deliberations surrounding the presentation of the GEA report, we discussed the reorganization of the Department to accommodate the move to reduce from four to three the number of divisions by combining the divisions of Plant Industry and Animal Health.

Part of it was accomplished in the bill reported out by the Committee, LD 1806. But much of it needs to be done, either through an amendment to LD 1806, or through the budget process. What follows is narrative and numbers that get the job done. They have been vetted by the Department, Service Center and DAFS. This can serve as the basis for an amendment or for a letter to AFA.

Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
Reorganization plan beginning July 1, 2010

Positions Action Needed

- Reclassify one Director, Division of Animal Health and Industry to State Veterinarian (PSC II) Classified Confidential Range change from 32 to 31. (PSM II – 005000658)

Blippie for BFMS:

Division of Animal Health and Industry 0394

Reorganizes one Public Service Manager II position to a Public Service Coordinator II position.

- Establish one Director, Division of Agriculture Resource Development (H appt) Range 30. Use headcount from unestablished position Agriculture Resource Mgt. Coord (Ch 519, PL 05) to establish and change funding source to 100% 010-01A-0833-01, Division of Production and Market Development.

Blippie for BFMS:

Division of Market and Production Development 0833

Division of Animal Health and Industry 0394

Transfers and reorganizes one Agricultural Resource Management Coordinator position in the Division of Animal Health and Industry program to a Director, Division of Agriculture Resource Development in the Division of Market and Production Development program and reallocates the cost from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% General Fund.

- Reclassify one Director, Market Development to State Horticulturist and transfer funding from 100% 010 01A 0831 01, Division of Plant Industry to 100% account 014 01A 0287 01 Board of Pesticides. The reclassification (\$2,800) and retro pay (\$3,400) out will be funded 100% from Board of Pesticides, 014 01A 0287 01 All Other. (position number 005000052)

Blippie for BFMS:

**Board of Pesticides Control Board program - 0287
Division of Plant Industry 0831**

Transfers and reorganizes one Director Marketing Development in the Division of Plant Industry program to a State Horticulturalist in the Board of Pesticides Control Board program and reallocates the cost of the position from 100% General Fund to 100% Other Special Revenue Funds. Also provides funding for retroactive reclassification effective April 3, 2009.

- Transfers one Director, Division of Plant Industry (to be retitled Director, Division of Animal and Plant Health) from 90% 010 01A 0831 01 Division of Plant Industry and 10% 014 01A 0287 01 Board of Pesticides to 50% 010-01A-0394-01 Division of Animal Health and Industry and 50% 010-01A-0831-01 Division of Plant Industry. (position number 005000055)

Blippie for BFMS:

**Division of Plant Industry 0831
Division of Animal Health and Industry 0394**

Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Manager II position from 90% General Fund in the Division of Plant Industry program and 10% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Board of Pesticides Control Board program to 50% General Fund in the Division of Plant Industry program and 50% General Fund in the Division of Animal Health and Industry program. Reduces All Other to fund the reallocation.

- Reorganize one Agriculture Resource Management Coordinator to Director of Market Development range 29 Supervisory funded 46% general fund 010-01A 0833 01 Division of Production and Market Development and 54% 014 01A 0833 01 Division of Production and Market Development. (position number 005000066)

Blippie for BFMS:

Division of Market and Production Development 0833

Reorganizes one Agricultural Resource Management Coordinator position to a Director Marketing Development and funds the reorganization by reallocating the cost of the position from 50% General Fund and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds to 46% General Fund and 54% Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program.

The additional general fund needed to complete this reorganization (\$10,005) will be funded by 010-01A-0394-01 Division of Animal Health and Industry All Other.