

November 7, 2025

The Honorable Brooke Rollins, Secretary U.S. Department of Agriculture 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Suite 200A Washington, DC 20250

Subject: U.S. Department of Agriculture Designation Request

Dear Secretary Rollins:

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is requesting the U.S. Department of Agriculture designate Napa County as a disaster area due to the 2025 Pickett Fire that began on August 21, 2025, and lasted through September 9, 2025.

As a result of the Pickett Fire, Napa County suffered significant damages to agricultural infrastructure and crops, impacting producers, farm related businesses, and the economy. The Napa County Agricultural Commissioner submitted a California County Agricultural Commissioner Disaster Report, which is enclosed for your review, and estimates that current losses exceed \$56 million.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me directly at (916) 845-8506, or your staff may contact Ms. Whitney Nowag, Division Chief, Recovery Administration and Support, at (916) 767-3062.

Sincerely,

NANCY WARD
Director

**Enclosure** 

cc: Anne Cottrell, Napa County Board of Supervisors District #3
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