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NEWS RELEASE

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Kern County Agricultural Commissioner, Glenn Fankhauser, announces that 12:01 a.m. Saturday, April 18, 2020, is the date establishing 75% petal fall on the North side of citrus trees for all citrus groves **south** of 7th Standard Road. This announcement is to serve as a signal to the bee industry that the use of pesticides that are toxic to honeybees may be used on or after Monday, April 20, 2020 without notification to the beekeeper. The announcement of petal fall lifts the restrictions of applications to citrus groves with materials toxic to honeybees. This will allow the citrus grower to apply the necessary pesticides to protect their crop from insect pests.

In order to comply with regulations, Mr. Fankhauser would like to remind the citrus industry that Carbaryl (Sevin) cannot be applied to citrus until there has been complete petal fall in the citrus grove. All citrus growers, pest control operators, and beekeepers are reminded that they must comply with the regulations covering bee protection.

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