

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Agricultural
Commissioner
Department No.: 051
For Agenda Of: July 21, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Cathleen Fisher, Commissioner 681-5600
Director:
Contact Info: Kendra Stites 681-5600 or Lottie Martin 934-6200
SUBJECT: California Department of Food and Agriculture Agreement 15-0295-SF

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- That the Board of Supervisors:
- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture to receive reimbursement for the County’s Detector Dog Team Program for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$21,780.00; and
 - b) Approve the attached Budget Revision Request #0004058; and
 - c) Determine that the above action involves government funding mechanisms and/or fiscal activities and is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4).

Summary Text:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has defined high-risk shipments as those where there exists a high degree of likelihood that one or more “A” or “Q” rated plants pest will be introduced or spread via the shipment. “A” and “Q” rated pests (Medfly, Oriental Fruit Fly, Red Imported Fire Ant, Asian Citrus Psyllid, etc...) are those that have been determined to have potential for causing severe damage to the State’s agricultural industry, natural resources, or environment. Through this agreement, CDFA reimburses the Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office for the costs associated with procuring and maintaining a Detector Dog Team. Dog teams throughout the state have demonstrated that unmarked parcels present a high-risk pathway for harmful pests to enter

California. Between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012, California Dog Teams detected plant material in over 41,000 marked and unmarked parcels. A total of 124 pests of economic and environmental concern were intercepted and 1,948 packages were rejected for violations of state and federal plant quarantine laws and regulations.

Background:

The funds have been made available by the United States Department of Agriculture and distributed through the California Department of Food and Agriculture to the County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office for this program. The Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office was awarded funding for a new Detector Dog Team in the amount of \$21,780.00 for FY 2015-16. The purpose for the Detector Dog Team is to enhance current department inspection and surveillance activities of plant products entering Santa Barbara County via parcel delivery facilities such as UPS, Federal Express, On Trac, and the US Postal Service. This one dog and one handler team will work approximately 20 hours a week at the delivery facilities “sniffing” packages while they are sorted into delivery trucks. When the dog detects a package containing any plant material, he will alert the handler by pawing the package. It will then be set aside for inspection. If a pest is found, the package is quarantined and a sample sent to the state laboratory for official identification. Packages containing prohibited pests that pose a threat to the economic or environmental well-being of the State are destroyed.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>Current FY Cost:</u> | <u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| General Fund | | | |
| State | \$ 21,780.00 | | |
| Federal | | | |
| Fees | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ 21,780.00 | \$ - | \$ - |

Narrative: The revenue from this agreement is not included in the FY 2015-16 budget for the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office.

Key Contract Risks:

This Agreement may be terminated by either party hereto upon written notice delivered to the other party at least thirty calendar days prior to the intended date of termination. By such termination, neither party may nullify obligations already incurred prior to the date of termination. In the event of Termination for Convenience of this Agreement by CDFA, CDFA must pay all responsible costs and non-cancellable obligations incurred by the Recipient as of the date of termination.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

This agreement will not cause any staffing impacts, the handler will be an existing department employee.

Special Instructions:

Please return a minute order and a fully executed signature page for Standard Agreement No. 15-0295-SF to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

Attachments:

Agreement #15-0295-SF

Budget Revision Request #0004058

Authored by:

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