



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: April 5, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5 Vote

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Cathleen M. Fisher, Commissioner, 681-5600
Director
Contact Info: Rudy Martel, Assistant Commissioner or Kendra Stites, Admin,
681-5600
SUBJECT: UCCE Cooperative Extension Amended Agreement Fiscal Year 2015/2016

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the first amendment to an agreement with the Regents of the University of California to increase services delivered by the Cooperative Extension Office (UCCE) for the period of April 1, 2016, through June 30, 2016 by \$4,500, for a total contract of \$166,500.
- b) Approve the attached Budget Revision Request 0004361.
- c) Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), as administrative government activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

The Agricultural Commissioner's budget includes \$153,000 for the UCCE contract. In FY 2015-2016, the Board of Supervisors approved an additional one-time allocation of \$9,000 for this contract. The additional \$4,500 will provide program support for the Area Watershed and Natural Resource Advisor, the Area Natural Resource Specialist, and the Livestock and Natural Resource Advisor for the UCCE contract. The Agricultural Commissioner will request this amount be annualized to \$27,000 in the FY 2016-2017 budget utilizing existing revenues.

Background:

The State of California Education Code Section 32330 provides for the appropriation of County funds by the County Boards of Supervisors for the support of Cooperative Extension work in Agriculture and Natural Resources for the benefit of the County and in cooperation with the University. With the County's support, Cooperative Extension has served the people of Santa Barbara continuously for ninety-five years.

UCCE works as a contractor receiving funds from the County and handling all administrative and operational functions and paying those costs, including office space, vehicles, copying, telephone, etc. UCCE will also pay for support staff and associated benefits and retirement packages. This agreement is a regional approach to providing these services to Santa Barbara County.

University Advisors and paraprofessionals (program assistants) will provide additional services to the County in support of the Energy and Climate Action Plan implementation strategies for Agricultural Conservation Practices and Agriculture Protection and Preservation, in addition to including research based training, educational guidance, and access to beneficial University resources.

The Area Watershed and Natural Resource Advisor has the ability to conduct educational and applied research programs related to water quality, watershed function, and natural resource issues of watersheds associated with rangelands. He has significant expertise on non-point source pollution and watershed function, and his program will address issues that affect farmlands and food safety issues because of the influence of rangelands. Other issues related to rangelands may include endangered species, wildland fires, grassland restoration, forage production and ecology.

The Area Natural Resource Specialist conducts research and educational programs on natural resources and the environment, and management of rangeland resources that focus on oak woodlands and wildlife management. Additional areas covered by the Specialist include aquatic wildlife, natural resource and environmental economics, markets, and policy.

The Livestock and Natural Resource Advisor covers livestock issues such as animal commodities and products, beef cattle, beef, other livestock production systems, pastures, water quality and water quantity, animal diseases, reproduction, animal welfare, animal nutrition and range.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No, the additional funding of \$4,500 for this program is not in the department's adopted FY 2015-16 budget. The total funding for this contract is now \$166,500 which includes the \$162,000 originally funded during the FY 2015-16 budget hearings and the additional amount of \$4,500 as described in the attached Budget Revision Request 0004361. The annualized amount of \$27,000 for the increased annual contract will be requested as part of the FY 2016 -2017 budget utilizing existing revenues.

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	\$4,500		
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: N/A

Key Contract Risks:

The vendor has a long history of providing professional-level programs under this contract. Language regarding oversight of the contract by the Department has been included in the contract. All exceptions to standard terms have been reviewed by County Counsel, the Auditor/Controller, and the Risk Manager.

Staffing Impacts:

None

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Please execute the Standard Agreement and send three of the (4) signed originals to the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office along with a minute order. Once fully executed by all parties, an original will be forwarded to the Clerk of the Board for filing.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Fully executed UCCE BC16-102 Agreement
- Attachment B: UCCE BC16-102 Amendment (Exhibits A & B)
- Attachment C: BRR 0004361

Authored by:

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