



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: June 28, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Cathleen M. Fisher, Commissioner, 805-681-5600
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: **Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Program Cooperative
Agreement #21-0517-039-SF with the California Department of Food and
Agriculture**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller 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 an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to receive reimbursement and services related to the Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter/Pierce's Disease Control Program in the County of Santa Barbara for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$426,712.64.
- b) 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:

This item is on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors to approve and authorize an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to receive reimbursement for the County's activities associated with the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter/Pierce's Disease Control Program. Through this agreement, the CDFA reimburses the Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner's Office for

the cost associated with activities including survey, inspection, treatment and monitoring of the glassy-winged sharpshooter and Pierce’s Disease.

Background:

This program, funded since September 2000, has the full support of the state and local wine grape industry, which pays an assessment to partially fund the program. The funding for this program is through the United States Department of Agriculture and is distributed by the CDFA to the County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office. This funding is anticipated to continue.

The glassy-winged sharpshooter (GWSS) is a serious pest of grapes. It does not cause direct damage to the crop, but rather spreads Pierce’s Disease, which kills grapevines by clogging their water-conducting vessels, and has no known cure. In general, GWSS is readily found in southern California counties and limited infestations of GWSS have occurred in some northern California counties.

Santa Barbara County is designated as a partially infested county and the cooperative agreement provides funds for the department to conduct two distinct programs. The program in the south county is focused on suppressing GWSS populations through the certification of horticultural and agricultural commodities. The program in the north County is focused on the detection of GWSS through the inspection of horticultural nursery stock that arrives from GWSS-infested areas in California to ensure they are free from GWSS. Upon discovery of an infestation, the cooperative agreement outlines measures for delimitation and intensive surveys; treatment; public outreach and notification; and post-treatment monitoring with the goal of suppressing or eradicating the disease as rapidly as possible.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

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			
Federal	\$ 213,356.32	\$ 213,356.32	\$ 426,712.64
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 213,356.32	\$ 213,356.32	\$ 426,712.64

Narrative: The total revenue from this agreement is \$426,712.64, which includes \$213,356.32 for FY 22/23 and \$213,356.32 for FY 23/24.

Key Contract Risks: N/A

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
N/A

FTEs:
N/A

Special Instructions:

Please return a minute order and one fully executed signature page for Cooperative Agreement #21-0517-039-SF to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office which will be sent to CDFA for final signature.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Cooperative Agreement #21-0517-039-SF

Attachment B: Plant Protection Act MOU

Authored by:

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cc:

N/A