



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:** August 24, 2021  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Cathleen Fisher, Commissioner, 805-681-5600  
Director  
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**SUBJECT:** First Amendment to the Noxious Weed Grant Program Agreement 20-0984-000-SA with the California Department of Food and Agriculture

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**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, ratify and authorize the Chair to execute an amendment to the agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to increase reimbursement by \$24,753.25 for a total reimbursement not to exceed \$49,506.50 for the implementation of data collection and mapping of noxious and invasive weed population for the period of January 15, 2021 through June 30, 2023; and
- 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 review and execute an amendment to the agreement with the CDFA so as to receive reimbursement for the cost of activities associated with the Noxious Weed Grant Program, including implementation of data collection and mapping of noxious and invasive weed population as defined in the Food and Agriculture Code Section 7270-7276.

**Background:**

The grant supports efforts by the County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office (CAC) and the Santa Barbara County Weed Management Area (SBCWMA) to survey and map noxious and invasive weeds located along public roads in Santa Barbara County. CAC will also develop a treatment strategy and the information will be shared with other SBWMA partners including County Public Works Department, Los Padres National Forest, and Cal Trans. All weed species on the California Noxious Weed list (CCR 4500) and weeds identified by the CDFA as being “A, Q or B rated” are included in the contract. Purple Star Thistle (*Centaurea calcitrops*) and Artichoke Thistle (*Cynara cardunculus*) are also a focus because both weed species are a pest of rangeland areas and populations are known to exist along public roads in the County.

**Performance Measure:**

N/A

**Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:**

N/A

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>2020-2021 FY</u></b>		<b><u>2021-2022 FY</u></b>		<b><u>2022-2023 FY</u></b>	
	<b><u>Cost:</u></b>		<b><u>Cost:</u></b>		<b><u>Cost:</u></b>	
General Fund						
State	\$	-	\$	24,753.25	\$	24,753.25
Federal					\$	-
Fees						
Other:						
Total	\$	-	\$	24,753.25	\$	24,753.25

Narrative: The current agreement which is proposed for amendment, was approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 9, 2021. The amendment would add an additional \$24,753.25 to the agreement for a total amount of \$49,506.50. The agreement period is also extended through June 30, 2023.

**Key Contract Risks:**

If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, the state shall have the option to either cancel this Agreement with no liability occurring to the State, or offer an agreement amendment to the CAC to reflect the reduced amount.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
**N/A**

**FTEs: N/A**

**Special Instructions:**

Please return a fully executed signature page for Agreement #20-0984-000-SA Amendment Number 1 and a minute order to the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Agreement Number 20-0984-000-SA Amendment Number 1

Attachment B: Original Executed Noxious Weed Agreement 20-0984-000-SA from February 9, 2021

**Authored by:**  
Stephanie Stark

**CC:**  
N/A