



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 20, 2024
Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Jose Chang, Commissioner, 681-5600
Director(s)
Contact Info: Matthew Maiten, Deputy Commissioner, 681-5600
SUBJECT: Organic Program Agreement 24-0115-000-SA with the California Department of Food and Agriculture

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Risk Management Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for support of services related to the Organic Inspection Program in the County of Santa Barbara for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$8,560.00.
- 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 enforcement of the Organic Inspection Program. Through this agreement, the CDFA reimburses the Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner's Office for the cost associated with the activities that ensure and maintain the integrity of the Organic Program through spot inspections and residue testing, as well as investigations of complaints. Also included in activities are market site inspections, production site inspections and producer and market investigations.

Background:

The Agricultural Commissioner’s Office operated an Organic program in collaboration with CDFA since 2012. It is anticipated that funding and reimbursement for our Organic enforcement activities will continue. Agreement reimburses County for cost to perform: organic spot inspections at certified farmer’s markets, retail grocery stores, and productions sites; collect random surveillance residue samples of organic products; registration of organic growers, and reimburse for complaint investigations.

Performance Measure:

Organic Agreement reimburses County for 23 organic spot inspections, 10 surveillance residue samples, and full cost recovery for activities performed involving any complaint investigations.

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	\$ 8,560.00		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 8,560.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: While the recommended agreement will reimburse the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office for certain Organic Program activities up to \$8,560, the annual cost of the CDFA Organic Program is approximately \$20,000, with the additional revenues to continue the program from State Aid and General Fund revenue.

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 Contractor to reflect the reduced amount.

Staffing Impacts:

The work required under the Organic Program Agreement will continue to be completed by existing staff.

Special Instructions:

Please send a fully executed signature page for Standard Agreement 24-0115-000-SA and a minute order to the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Organic Program Agreement No. 24-0115-000-SA

Authored by:

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