



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Agricultural Commissioner
Department No.: 051
Agenda Date: December 9, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Jose Chang, Agricultural Commissioner
Contact: Stephanie Stark, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner
Kendra Stites, Senior Administrative Professional
SUBJECT: Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Control Program Agreement #24-0569-032-SF with the California Department of Food and Agriculture

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

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 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 Control Program in the County of Santa Barbara for the period of July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 in the amount of \$267,292.00; 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 approve, ratify and execute an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to receive reimbursement for a program aimed at controlling Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS), a significant pest of grapevines. Through this agreement, the CDFA reimburses the Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner's Office for costs related to survey, inspection, and monitoring activities associated with GWSS management.

Discussion:

The GWSS 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 GWSS 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 GWSS.

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. The funding for this program is anticipated to continue. The program will be moving from a state fiscal year to a federal fiscal year. Therefore, the first fiscal year is from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 and the second fiscal year is from July 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026.

Performance Measure:

The GWSS Control Program Agreement reimburses the Department at an hourly rate for quarantine response and regulatory enforcement activities. Reimbursable activities include detection trapping, issuance of compliance agreements and regulatory inspections of incoming plant material, data entry and meeting attendance. There is no predetermined metric for this agreement.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY [2025/2026]	FY [2026/2027]	Total
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 205,780.00	\$61,512.00	\$267,292.00

Fees			
[<i>Other Source</i>]			
Total	\$ 205,780.00	\$61,512.00	\$267,292.00

Staffing Impacts:

None. The work will be completed by the existing staff.

Special Instructions:

Please return a minute order and one fully executed signature page for Agreement #24-0569-032-SF to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Control Program Agreement #24-0569-032-SF

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