



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: September 13, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Cathleen M. Fisher, Commissioner, 681-5600
Director(s)
Contact Info: Stephanie Stark, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner or Kendra
Stites, Admin, 681-5600
SUBJECT: Approval of Cooperative Agreement for the Pierce's Disease Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture to support the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter/Pierce's Disease Program for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018, in the amount of \$368,803.07.
- b) Determine that the proposed 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) and direct staff to file a notice of exemption.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors to review and execute an agreement with the California Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to receive reimbursement for the cost of activities that support the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter/Pierce's Disease Program including survey, inspection and/or treatment of the glassy-winged sharpshooter.

Background:

This program has been funded since September 2000, the program has the full support of the state and local wine grape industry that pays an assessment to partially fund the program. The funding for this program is through the United States Department of Food and Agriculture and is distributed by the

CDFA to the County Agricultural Commissioner’s Offices. 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 the incurable and fatal Pierce’s Disease of Grapes. All of southern California up to the Santa Ynez Mountains is infested with GWSS. Northern Santa Barbara County and the rest of northern California is free from the insect. The GWSS program that is funded by this cooperative agreement provides funds for the department to conduct two distinct programs. The program in the south County is an inspection program to certify that nursery stock shipments from qualifying nurseries in the infested area going to the un-infested areas to the north are free from GWSS. The program in the north County enables the department to inspect shipments of nursery stock that arrive from any infested area in southern California (including southern Santa Barbara County) to verify that they are GWSS free.

Performance Measure: N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>2016-2017 FY Cost:</u>	<u>2017-2018 FY Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal	195,429.84	173,373.23	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 195,429.84	\$ 173,373.23	\$ -

Narrative: The total revenue from this contract is now \$368,803.07 which includes \$195,429.84 for FY 2016/17 and \$173,373.23 for FY 2017/18. The 2016-2017 budget cost is slightly greater than the 2017-2018 budget due to a temporary increase in workload with GWSS urban trapping in the northern part of Santa Barbara County.

Key Contract Risks:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Please return a minute order and one fully executed signature page for Cooperative Agreement 16-0524-SF to the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office which will be sent to CDFA for final signature.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Agreement #16-0524-SF

Attachment B: CEQA Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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cc: N/A