



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: March 4, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Cathleen Fisher, Commissioner, 681-5600
Director(s)
Contact Info: Kendra Stites – Admin or Traci Lewis
681-5600
SUBJECT: Sudden Oak Death Agreement #13-0302-SF with California Department of Food
and Agriculture

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller 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 an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for services related to enforcement of the California Sudden Oak Death Program in the County of Santa Barbara for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$7,718.54; 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 agreement will provide reimbursement for the cost of activities that support this ongoing program to ensure that Santa Barbara County is free from *Phytophthora ramorum*, the causal agent of the plant disease Sudden Oak Death. Reimbursable activities in the form of inspections are required to enable commercial nurseries that ship hosts of the disease out of state to meet the requirements of the Federal quarantine.

Background:

Sudden Oak Death is a plant disease that has become established in coastal California from Humboldt County south to Monterey County. The disease is fatal to a specific group of plants, including oaks,

redwoods, and bay trees, and has caused significant damage to the forests in northern and central California. The US Department of Agriculture has implemented a Federal Domestic Quarantine to prevent the spread of P. ramorum by requiring testing of host plants before they are shipped out of state. Even though Santa Barbara County does not have the disease, these inspections are required at commercial plant shippers for their plant material to qualify for shipment to other states. The Agricultural Commissioner’s Office has received funding for this purpose for several years. Although the agreement is with the State, the funding source is Federal and this agreement is tracked in the Auditor’s Grant Management System.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

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 | \$ 7,718.54 | | |
| Federal | | | |
| Fees | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ 7,718.54 | \$ - | \$ - |

Narrative: Due to the overall uncertainty about funding for this program and the fact that the department was just notified of this funding, this revenue was not included in our proposed 2013-14 budget.

Special Instructions:

Please return a fully executed signature page for Standard Agreement No. 13-0302-SF and a minute order to the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office.

Attachments:

Agreement No. 13-0302-SF

Authored by:

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