

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 6/8/05
Department Name: Agricultural Commissioner
Department No.: 051
Agenda Date: 6/28/05
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: William D. Gillette
Agricultural Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Approve contract to conduct invasive weed control project

Recommendation(s): That the Board of Supervisors: Authorize the Agricultural Commissioner to execute an agreement with the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (Agreement No. AWIP-S-03 Revised) in the amount of \$42,500 to conduct the Carpinteria Creek Arundo Removal Project. The term of this agreement is January 15, 2005 through March 15, 2006.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan: The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 4. A Community that is Economically Vital and Sustainable.

Executive Summary and Discussion: Approval of this agreement will enable the department to be reimbursed for activities to remove *Arundo donax* from the bed, banks, and overbanks of public and private property adjacent to Carpinteria Creek. The removal of arundo will protect and enhance coastal natural habitat, improve recreational access, improve aesthetics, reduce flood and fire hazard, increase native plant habitat and increase wildlife diversity.

This project has been included in the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District's Annual Maintenance Plan for fiscal year 2005/06, which establishes compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 1600 of the California Fish and Game Code, Federal and California Endangered Species Act, and the Coastal Zone Management Act, California Coastal Act and Local Coastal Programs.

Mandates and Service Levels: Staffing requirements will be met through existing staff.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: The total revenue from this contract is \$42,500, which will be received during the fiscal year 2005/06 and deposited in Department 051, Fund 0001, Account 4000, Program 2000, Activity WMA. The revenues received will be used to offset various expenditures in services and supplies required to complete this project.

Special Instructions: Please return a minute order authorizing the Agricultural Commissioner to execute the contract.

Concurrence:
Auditor-Controller
Risk Management
County Counsel