



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 17, 2021  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Time:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Cathleen Fisher, Commissioner, 805-681-5600  
Director(s)  
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**SUBJECT:** Bee Safe Program Agreement #21-0308-000SG with the California Department  
of Food and Agriculture

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

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 to execute an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for support and services of compliance inspections related to the Bee Safe Program in the County of Santa Barbara for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$29,146.07; 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 review and execute an agreement with the CDFA so as to receive reimbursement for the cost of all activities performed by the Agricultural Commissioner in developing, implementing, and reporting on activities associated with the CDFA Bee Safe program in Santa Barbara County.

**Background:**

Existing state law recognizes the importance of managed honeybees. Per the California Food and Agricultural Code (FAC), “a healthy and vibrant apiary industry is important to the economy and welfare of the people of the State of California. Protection and promotion of this important industry is in the interest of the people of the State of California.” (FAC Division 13, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 29000).

In 2015, ideas and perspectives on how to improve honey bee health were shared with CDFA by apiary stakeholders during the Healthy Pollinators Working Group meeting. These ideas, as well as input from the County Agricultural Commissioners on financial hardships due to apiary and apiary equipment theft, helped achieve budget augmentation to develop and implement the Bee Safe Program. This is the fourth year the funding has been provided to counties.

County Agricultural Commissioners are granted authority identified in the Food and Agriculture Code to enforce various apiary and pest prevention laws (i.e. registration, identification, and placement of hives; inspection and abatement of pests) intended to ensure the vitality of the beekeeping industry and to prevent the introduction of pests into, or the spread within, the state.

**Performance Measure:**

N/A

**Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:**

N/A

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State	29,146.07		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 29,146.07	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: N/A

**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 CAC to reflect the reduced amount.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

N/A

**FTEs:**

N/A

**Special Instructions:**

Please return a fully executed signature page for Agreement #21-0308-0000-SG and a minute order to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Agreement #21-0308-0000-SG

**Authored by:**

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**cc:**

N/A