



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

A-6

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Agricultural  
Commissioner  
Department No.: 051  
For Agenda Of: 06/21/2011  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Cathleen M. Fisher, Commissioner, 681-5600 *CF*  
Director(s)  
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**SUBJECT:** UC Cooperative Extension Agreement fiscal year 2011/2012

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** UCCE

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to amend the current agreement with the Regents of the University of California for services delivered by the Cooperative Extension Office (UCCE) for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$153,000.

**Summary Text:**

During the initial stages of developing the recommended budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the department was not able to provide funding for the U.C. Cooperative Extension programs. Since then, the department was successful with negotiating with U.C. Extension to reduce their requested contract funds by 12% for FY 2011-2012. In addition to reducing the contract funds down to \$153,000, the department has been able to accumulate enough of a fund balance with the current 2010-2011 fiscal year budget to fund the U.C. Cooperative Extension program for FY 2011-2012 with one-time funding sources: vacant funded positions, cutting back on expenditures and the department receiving its designated unclaimed gas tax revenue which was at risk this year.

**Background:**

The State of California Education Code Section 32330 provides for the appropriation of County funds by the County Boards of Supervisors for the support of Cooperative Extension work in Agriculture and Natural Resources for the benefit of the County and in cooperation with the University.

Pursuant to Section 32330, and at the request of the County, a Cooperative Extension office was established in Santa Barbara County on July 5, 1927. With the County's support, Cooperative Extension

has served the people of Santa Barbara continuously since that time.

University Advisors and paraprofessionals (program assistants) will provide consultation services to County, including research based training, educational guidance and access to beneficial University resources and will deliver direct program services for the following programs:

1. Applied research and Extension Education Programs in Agriculture and Natural Resources, Nutrition, Family & Consumer Sciences, and 4-H Youth Development:

#### **Agriculture & Natural Resources**

Improve productivity, competitiveness and overall viability of agriculture and related entities by conducting applied research and outreach programs to address these issues. Programs will focus on:

- Applied research and educational/extension activities, including grower workshops serving English and Spanish-speaking clientele. May include applied research in:
  - Strawberry production.
  - Vegetable crops production.
  - Small farm crops, including fruit production and organics.
  - High-value berry crops.
  - Nurseries management and flower production.
  - Viticulture.
  - Water quality, management, conservation and efficient use.
- Support for avocado, citrus and subtropical industries.
- Assess potential new crops for Santa Barbara County.
- Pest management, including integrated pest management practices.
- Plant pathology and disease management.

#### **Youth, Family, Nutrition and Community Programs**

Conduct a Master Gardener Program that includes education/extension activities in areas that may include:

- Home horticulture and food production.
- Community gardening as a means to increase community food security and health.
- Community gardening efforts that support environmentally sound practices.
- Support for school gardens and youth gardening efforts via 4-H and other youth-serving organizations and agencies.
- Helpline support for home and community gardeners that focuses on a wide range of issues, including food product and water use and conservation.
- Extend information about wildfire prevention.

### **Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FSNEP)/Other Nutrition Efforts**

- Leverage USDA funds to decrease childhood obesity and promote a healthy lifestyle by providing nutrition information to low-income school students in North County.
- Conduct other childhood obesity prevention and healthy lifestyle programs by educating extenders working with populations of youth and families, particularly in North County.

### **4-H Youth Development**

- Support a 4-H military program at Vandenberg AFB.
  - Provide support for a 4-H community club program and special programs that will serve at least 1400 youth in FY 11-12.
  - Support development and expansion of the 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) Program.
2. Collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), and numerous other funding and project opportunities, and
  3. Other programs as agreed to by the parties.

This agreement is a regional approach to providing these services to Santa Barbara County.

UCCE works as a contractor, receiving funds from the County, and handling all administrative and operations functions and paying those costs, including office space, vehicles, copying, telephone, etc. UCCE will pay for support staff and associated benefits and retirement packages.

#### **Performance Measure:**

Applied research and educational/extension activities, including grower workshops in a variety of areas which may include strawberry production, vegetable crops production, small farm crops, high value berry crops, nurseries management, viticulture and water quality, management, conservation and efficient use.

Conduct a Master Gardener Program that in a variety of areas that may include home horticulture and food production, community gardening, school gardening and home gardening.

Provide nutrition education to low-income families in Northern Santa Barbara County and expand this to include the Lompoc area.

UCCE will maintain the total number of youth participants in the 4H Youth Development program and special programs that will serve at least 1400 youth in FY 11/12.

Develop and expand the 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) program.

UCCE provides quarterly reports updating the Agricultural Commissioner on the status of these performance measures and other activities conducted.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: A portion of the amount requested is included in the FY 11/12 budget.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized</u> <u>On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time</u> <u>Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 153,000.00		
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 153,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

**Staffing Impacts:**

**None**

**Special Instructions:**

Please execute six original Standard Agreements and send all six originals to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office along with a minute order. Once fully executed by all parties, an original will be forwarded to the Clerk of Board for filing.

**Attachments:**

Standard Agreement

**Authored by:**

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