



**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: October 3, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Jose Chang, Agricultural Commissioner 805-681-5600
Director
Contact Info: Stephanie Stark or Kendra Stites 805-681-5600
SUBJECT: California Department of Food & Agriculture Detector Dog Team Agreement
23-0411-008-SF

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) to receive reimbursement for the County’s Detector Dog Team Program for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$258,875.28; 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:

Approval of this contract will enable the Department to be reimbursed for activities that support the Detector Dog Team. The source of the revenue is funding from the CDFA.

Background:

The purpose for the Detector Dog Team is to enhance current department inspection and surveillance activities of plant products entering Santa Barbara County via parcel delivery facilities such as United Postal Service, Federal Express, and the United States Postal Service. The one dog and one handler team work at the delivery facilities “sniffing” packages while they are sorted into delivery trucks. When the dog detects a package containing any plant material, he will alert the handler by pawing the package. It will then be set aside for inspection. If a pest is found, the package is quarantined and a sample sent to

the state laboratory for official identification. Packages containing prohibited pests that pose a threat to the economic or environmental well-being of the State are destroyed. The Board of Supervisors initially approved this program on July 21, 2015.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

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	\$ 258,875.28		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 258,875.28	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: N/A

Key Contract Risks:

This Agreement may be terminated by either party hereto upon written notice delivered to the other party at least thirty calendar days prior to the intended date of termination. By such termination, neither party may nullify obligations already incurred prior to the date of termination. In the event of Termination for Convenience of this Agreement by CDFA, CDFA must pay all responsible costs and non-cancellable obligations incurred by the Recipient as of the date of termination.

Staffing Impacts: None

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Please return a minute order and executed signature page for Standard Agreement #23-0411-008-SF to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Dog Team K-9 Agreement #23-0411-008-SF

Authored by:

Stephanie Stark

cc:

N/A