



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 21, 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 Guy Tingos, Assistant Commissioner
681-5600
SUBJECT: Sudden Oak Death Agreement #14-0421-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, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$2,410.55; 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 response to detections and reporting 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. Since Santa Barbara County does not have the disease, the scope of work and the funding for the County program have been reduced. 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	\$ 2,410.55		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 2,410.55	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: Due to the overall uncertainty about funding for this program and the fact that the department was just notified of the funding amount, this revenue is not included in our adopted 2014-15 budget.

Special Instructions:

Please return a fully executed signature page for Standard Agreement No. 14-0421-SF and a minute order to the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office.

Attachments:

Agreement No. 14-0421-SF

Authored by:

Guy Tingos