



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Agricultural  
Commissioner's Office  
Department No.: 051  
For Agenda Of: 11/10/2009  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department William Gillette 681-5600  
Director(s)  
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SUBJECT: Acceptance of ARRA Weed Management Area Projects

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**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 Consider recommendations regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Grant for the Agricultural Commissioner's Office, as follows:

Approve and authorize the Agricultural Commissioner to execute an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture to support the Weed Management Area Projects for Punagrass Control and Santa Cruz Island Habitat Enhancement projects for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011 in the amount of \$40,503.

**Summary Text:** The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA or Recovery Act, signed into law February 17, 2009 was enacted to:

- preserve and create jobs;
- promote economic recovery;
- help people most impacted by the recession;
- increase economic efficiency by investing in technological advances in science and health;
- promote long-term economic benefits by investing in transportation, environmental protection and other infrastructure; and
- preserve essential services in states and local governments.

Funds made available by ARRA will provide reimbursement for the costs of activities that support the Weed Management Area projects focused on eradication of noxious weeds.

**Background:**

The Weed Management Specialist continuously secures funding from various sources to support projects for eradication of noxious weeds throughout the County of Santa Barbara. These specific projects are focused on punagrass control in the Santa Ynez Valley at Tommy Town Thoroughbreds and the eradication of invasive, non-native buckwheat on Santa Cruz Island.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

General Fund					
State					
Federal	\$	40,503.00	\$	-	
Fees					
Other:					
Total	\$	40,503.00	\$	-	\$ -

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Narrative: While the total grant award is \$40,503, it is estimated that \$27,033 will be expended during FY 2009/10, with the balance of \$10,637 to be budgeted in FY 2010/11 and \$2,833 to be budgeted in FY 2011/12. The federal grant funds are included in the Agricultural Commissioner’s Adopted Budget 051/2000.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send a minute order to the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office

**Attachments:**

Agreement No. 09-0569

**Authored by:**

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