



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: February 3, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Cathleen Fisher, Commissioner, 681-5600
Contact Info: Kendra Stites or Lottie Martin, 681-5600
SUBJECT: Approval of Light Brown Apple Moth Agreement 14-0502-SF

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 the Agricultural Commissioner's Office to be reimbursed for regulatory activities for the Light Brown Apple Moth Program in the County of Santa Barbara for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 in the amount of \$136,350.00; 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 all activities to perform regulatory work since October 1, 2014 for the Light Brown Apple Moth program which is primarily focused on quarantine implementation in accordance with the Federal Domestic Quarantine Order and California State Interior Quarantine, 3 California Code of Regulations 3434 and emergency response activities as a result of detections of light brown apple moth in regulated establishments.

Background: In February of 2008, Light Brown Apple Moth was detected for the first time in Santa Barbara County. United States Department of Agriculture and California Department of Food and Agriculture implemented quarantines in March of 2008, requiring additional regulatory activities to be performed by the Agricultural Commissioner's Office. As a result of these activities, Light Brown Apple Moth was eradicated from the County. The insect was again found in the Westmont College area in 2009 and was eradicated. In 2012, Light Brown Apple Moth was detected in Goleta, Carpinteria, and Santa Maria. Currently, there are infested quarantine areas in Goleta and Carpinteria. State and Federal

Quarantines are in place and restrict the movement of locally grown nursery stock and produce. The efforts necessary to eradicate the pest and remove the restrictions from commercial agriculture operations are funded by this cooperative agreement. The initial agreement for FY 07/08 was approved by the Board on 06/24/08 in the amount of \$9,968.56 and continued funding has been approved each year for these activities.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>2015-16 FY Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 102,262.50	\$ 34,087.50	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 102,262.50	\$ 34,087.50	\$ -

Narrative: This contract is based on the Federal fiscal year and spans two County fiscal years. The total revenue from this contract is \$136,350.00 which includes \$102,262.50 for FY 2014/15 and \$34,087.50 for FY 2015/16. The funds reimburse the County for work in this program. .

Key Contract Risks:

The funding for this program is provided by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and has been approved at the Federal level. The major risk to the County rests in the USDA withdrawing their financial support for these activities. The USDA has assured the department of its support through this contract period.

Staffing Impacts: None

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Please return a minute order and one fully executed signature page for Light Brown Apple Moth Agreement 14-0502-SF to the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office which will be sent to CDFA for final signature.

Attachments:

Light Brown Apple Moth Agreement No. 14-0502-SF

CEQA Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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