



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:** September 19, 2017  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Cathleen Fisher, Commissioner, 681-5600  
Directors(s)  
Contact Info: Stephanie Stark, Deputy Commissioner or Kendra Stites, Admin,  
681-5600  
**SUBJECT:** Sudden Oak Death (SOD) Program Agreement #17-0213-014-SF with the  
California Department of Food and Agriculture

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**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 of the Board of Supervisors to execute an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for support of services related to the Sudden Oak Death (SOD) Program in the County of Santa Barbara for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$ 7,945.36;  
and
- B. Determine that the proposed 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) and direct staff to file a notice of exemption.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors to approve, ratify, and authorize an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to receive reimbursement for the Sudden Oak Death (SOD) Program. This ongoing program ensures that Santa Barbara County is free from *Phytophthora ramorum*, the causal agent of the plant disease SOD. 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:**

This program has been funded for several years and the funding is anticipated to continue. The ongoing funding is made available through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is distributed through the CDFA to the County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office. SOD is a plant disease that has not been found in Santa Barbara County, but 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 USDA has implemented a Federal Domestic Quarantine to prevent the spread of *Phytophthora ramorum* by requiring testing of host plants before they are shipped out of state.

**Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:**

None

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 7,945.36		
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 7,945.36	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: N/A

**Key Contract Risks:**

If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted for purposes of this program, the CDFA will have the option to either terminate this Agreement with no liability occurring to the CDFA, or offer to amend the Agreement to reflect the reduced amount.

**Staffing Impacts:** None

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

**Special Instructions:**

Please return a fully executed signature page for Standard Agreement No. 17-0213-014-SF and a minute order to the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Agreement No. 17-0213-014-SF

Attachment B: CEQA Notice of Exemption

**Authored by:**

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**cc:** N/A