



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: June 23, 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
Director(s)
Contact Info: Kendra Stites 681-5600 or Lottie Martin 934-6200
SUBJECT: Pest Exclusion Program Agreement 15-0054

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 to receive reimbursement for the County's High Risk Pest Exclusion Program for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$64,140.00; 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:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has defined high-risk shipments as those where there exists a high degree of likelihood that one or more "A" or "Q" rated plants pest will be introduced or spread via the shipment. "A" and "Q" rated pests (Medfly, Oriental Fruit Fly, Red Imported Fire Ant, Asian Citrus Psyllid, etc) are those that have been determined to have potential for causing severe damage to the State's agricultural industry, natural resources, or environment. Through this agreement, CDFA reimburses the County Agricultural Commissioner for her staff's inspections of high-risk shipments. These inspections are conducted at pre-defined high-risk pathways such as Fed Ex, UPS, Post Office, and truck shipments to commercial nurseries in order to insure compliance with federal, state, and local regulations.

Background:

The funds available for distribution to County Agricultural Commissioners for this program vary each year due to fluctuations in state resources. The department has received funding for these activities since FY 1999-2000, with funding for fiscal year 2012-13 in the amount of \$79,656.28 and for fiscal year 2013-14 in the amount of \$80,944.05.

Performance Measure:

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	64,140.00		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 64,140.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: The revenue from the agreement is included in the FY 2015-16 budget for the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office.

Key Contract Risks:

If the Budget Act of the current year and/or any subsequent years covered under this Agreement does not appropriate sufficient funds for the program, this Agreement shall be of no further force and effect. In this event, the State shall have no liability to pay any funds whatsoever to Contractor or to furnish any other considerations under this agreement and Contractor shall not be obligated to perform any provisions of this Agreement.

Staffing Impacts: None

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Please return a minute order and a fully executed signature page for Standard Agreement No. 15-0054 to the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office.

Attachments:

- Agreement #15-0054
- Contractor Certification Clause-307
- CEQA Exemption Notice

Authored by:

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