

Agricultural
Commissioner

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 7, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Cathleen Fisher, Agricultural Commissioner 681-5600
Director:
Contact Info: Kendra Stites or Debbie Trupe 681-5600
SUBJECT: California Department of Food and Agriculture Agreement 16-0211-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 to receive reimbursement for the County's Detector Dog Team Program for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$29,671.49; 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 item is on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors to review and execute an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to receive reimbursement for the County's Dog Detector Team program. Through this agreement, CDFFA reimburses the Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner's Office for the costs associated with maintaining a Detector Dog Team. Dog teams throughout the state have demonstrated that unmarked parcels present a high-risk pathway for harmful pests to enter California. Between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, California Dog Teams detected plant material in over 22,000 marked and unmarked parcels. A total of 490 pests of economic and environmental concern were intercepted and 2,273 packages were rejected for violations of state and federal plant quarantine laws and regulations.

Background:

Ongoing funding is available through the United States Department of Agriculture and distributed through the California Department of Food and Agriculture to the County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office for this program. The funds may fluctuate slightly from year to year, however, the program has been funded since 2008 and funding is anticipated to continue. The purpose for the Detector Dog Team is to enhance current department inspection and surveillance activities of plant products entering Santa Barbara County via parcel delivery facilities such as UPS, Federal Express, On Trac, and the US Postal Service. This one dog and one handler team will work approximately 20 hours a week at the delivery facilities “sniffing” packages while they are sorted into delivery trucks. When the dog detects a package containing any plant material, he alerts the handler by pawing the package which will then be set aside for inspection. If an invasive pest, detrimental to agriculture or the environment is found, the package is quarantined and a sample sent to the state laboratory for official identification. Packages containing prohibited pests that pose a threat to the economic or environmental well-being of the State are destroyed.

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	\$ 29,671.49		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 29,671.49	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: N/A

Key Contract Risks:

This Agreement may be terminated by either party hereto upon written notice delivered to the other party at least thirty calendar days prior to the intended date of termination. By such termination, neither party may nullify obligations already incurred prior to the date of termination. In the event of Termination for Convenience of this Agreement by CDFA, CDFA must pay all responsible costs and non-cancellable obligations incurred by the Recipient as of the date of termination.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

This agreement will not cause any staffing impacts, the handler is an existing department employee.

Special Instructions:

Please return a minute order and a fully executed signature page for Standard Agreement No. 16-0211-SF to the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Agreement #16-0211-SF

Attachment B: CEQA

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Cc: N/A