



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 13, 2016  
**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  
Contact Info: Lottie Martin, Deputy Commissioner or Kendra Stites, Admin.,  
681-5600  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of Light Brown Apple Moth Agreement #16-0541-SF

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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 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$93,879.00; 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 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 cost of all activities to perform regulatory work in the Light Brown Apple Moth program. This program is primarily focused on quarantine implementation in accordance with the Federal Domestic Quarantine Order and California State Interior Quarantine, 3California Code of Regulations 3434 and emergency response activities as a result of detections of light brown apple moth in regulated establishments.

**Background:**

This program has been funded since 2008 and 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. In February of 2008, Light Brown Apple Moth was detected for the first time in Santa Barbara County. The USDA and the CDFA 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 agricultural operations are funded by this cooperative agreement.

**Performance Measure:**

N/A

**Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:**

N/A

**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	\$ 93,879.00		
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 93,879.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: N/A

**Key Contract Risks:**

The funding for this program is provided by 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:**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

**Special Instructions:**

Please return a minute order and one fully executed signature page for Light Brown Apple Moth Agreement 16-0541-SF to the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office which will be sent to CDFA for final signature.

**Attachments:**

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Attachment A: Light Brown Apple Moth Agreement No. 16-0541-SF

Attachment B: CEQA Notice of Exemption

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**CC:**

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