



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 1, 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: Stephanie Stark, Deputy Commissioner or Kendra Stites, Admin.,
681-5600
SUBJECT: Sudden Oak Death Agreement #15-0387-SF with California Department of Food
and Agriculture

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 services related to enforcement of the California Sudden Oak Death Program in the County of Santa Barbara for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$4,916.20; 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 activities that support this ongoing program to ensure that Santa Barbara County is free from *Phytophthora ramorum*, the causal agent of the plant disease Sudden Oak Death. 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:

Sudden Oak Death is a plant disease that 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 US Department of Agriculture has implemented a Federal Domestic Quarantine to prevent the spread of P.ramorum by requiring testing of host plants before they are shipped out of state. Santa Barbara County does not have the disease, the scope of work and the funding for the County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office Sudden Oak Death Program is through an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). The funding source is through United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and this agreement is tracked in the Auditor’s Grant Management System.

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	\$ 4,916.20		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 4,916.20	\$ -	\$ -

Key Contract Risks:

This agreement may be terminated by either party hereto upon written notice delivered to the other party at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the intended date of termination.

Staffing Impacts: None

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Please return a fully executed signature page for Standard Agreement No. 15-0387-SF and a minute order to the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office.

Attachments:

Agreement #15-0387-SF
CEQA Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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