



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 12, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Jose Chang, Agricultural Commissioner, 805-681-5600
Director
Contact Info: Stephanie Stark, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner, 805-681-5600
SUBJECT: 2023 Noxious Weed Grant Program Agreement 23-0309-000-SA with the 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, ratify and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for the implementation of data collection and mapping of noxious and invasive weed population for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$6,000; 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 CDFA so as to receive reimbursement for the cost of activities associated with the Noxious Weed Grant Program, including implementation of data collection and mapping of noxious and invasive weed population as defined in the Food and Agriculture Code Section 7270-7276.

Background:

The grant supports efforts by the County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office (CAC) and the Santa Barbara County Weed Management Area (SBCWMA) to survey and map noxious and invasive weeds located in Santa Barbara County. CAC will also develop a treatment strategy and the information will be shared with other SBWMA partners including County Public Works Department, Los Padres National Forest, and Cal Trans. Efforts are focused on Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), a common woody invasive plant found throughout CA. Tree of Heaven is a preferred host of Spotted Lantern Fly (*Lycorma delicatula*), an insect found in the eastern United States but not found in California. Spotted Lantern Fly is an insect that feeds on the sap of many different types of agricultural crops, especially grapes.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

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	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
Federal			\$ -
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00

Key Contract Risks:

If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, the state shall have the option to either cancel this Agreement with no liability occurring to the State, or offer an agreement amendment to the CAC to reflect the reduced amount.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
N/A

FTEs: N/A

Special Instructions:

Please return a fully executed signature page for Agreement #23-0309-000-SA and a minute order to the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Agreement #23-0309-000-SA

Authored by:

Stephanie Stark

CC:

N/A