



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: Agricultural
Commissioner
Department No.: 051
For Agenda Of: April 22, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Cathleen Fisher, 681-5600
Director(s)
Contact Info: Kendra Stites or Traci Lewis, 681-5600
SUBJECT: Approval of Light Brown Apple Moth Agreement 13-0492-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 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 January 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 in the amount of \$110,789.43; 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 all activities to perform regulatory work since January 1, 2014 for the Light Brown Apple Moth program which is primarily focused on quarantine implementation in accordance with the Federal Domestic Quarantine Order and California State Interior Quarantine, 3 California Code of Regulations 3434 and emergency response activities as a result of detections of light brown apple moth in regulated establishments.

Background: In February of 2008, Light Brown Apple Moth was detected for the first time in Santa Barbara County. United States Department of Agriculture and California Department of Food and Agriculture 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. 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 agriculture operations are funded by this cooperative agreement. The initial agreement for FY 07/08 was approved by the Board on 06/24/08 in the amount of \$9,968.56 and continued funding has been approved each year for these activities. Due to the uncertainty of on-going Federal funding, the State is currently issuing agreements for this program for 3 quarters of a year, 2 of which are in our FY 13-14 and one of which is in our FY 14-15.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>Current FY Cost:</u> | <u>2014-15 Fy Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| General Fund | | | |
| State | | | |
| Federal | \$ 73,859.62 | \$ 36,929.81 | |
| Fees | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ 73,859.62 | \$ 36,929.81 | |

Narrative: The Department originally budgeted \$126,604 in revenue from this contract for FY 13-14. After the budget was submitted, the Department was notified by the USDA that funding for this activity had been drastically cut, but was later reinstated. The Department has reduced resources allocated to this program to match the current funding levels and the Department expects to realize revenue from this program in the original budgeted amount.

Staffing Impacts: None

Special Instructions:

Please return a minute order and one fully executed signature page for Light Brown Apple Moth Agreement 13-0492-SF to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office which will be sent to CDFA for final signature.

Attachments:

Light Brown Apple Moth Agreement No. 13-0492-SF

CEQA Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

Mary Ann Rajala