



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: August 19, 2014  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Cathleen M. Fisher, Commissioner 681-5600  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Kendra Stites or Traci Lewis, 681-5600  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of Cooperative Agreement for the Pierce's Disease Program

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**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 a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture to support the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter/Pierce's Disease Program for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016, in the amount of \$347,304.98.

B. Determine that the proposed 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) and direct staff to file a notice of exemption.

**Summary Text:** Approval of this Amended Cooperative Agreement will enable the department to be reimbursed for activities that support the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter/Pierce's Disease Program including survey, inspection and/or treatment of the glassy-winged sharpshooter. The source of the revenue increase is additional funding from the USDA.

**Background:** The Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS, pronounced gwiss) is a serious pest of grapes. It does not cause direct damage to the crop, but rather spreads the incurable and fatal Pierce's Disease of Grapes. All of southern California up to the Santa Ynez Mountains is infested with GWSS. Northern Santa Barbara County and the rest of northern California is free from the insect. The GWSS program that is funded by this cooperative agreement provides funds for the department to conduct two distinct programs. The program in the south County is an inspection program to certify that nursery stock shipments from qualifying nurseries in the infested area going to the uninfested areas to the north are free from GWSS. The program in the north County enables the department to inspect shipments of nursery stock that arrive from any infested area in southern California (including southern Santa Barbara

County) to verify that they are GWSS free. The program has the full support of the state and local wine grape industry that pays an assessment to partially fund the program. The Board of Supervisors initially approved this contract on September 20, 2000 and subsequent agreements have been approved to cover the ongoing annual costs of these services.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>2014/15 FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>2015/16 FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$173,652.49	\$173,652.49	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 173,652.49	\$ 173,652.49	\$ -

Narrative: The total revenue from this contract is now 347,304.98 which includes \$173,652.49 for FY 2014/15 and \$173,652.49 for FY 2015/16.

**Staffing Impacts:** None

**Special Instructions:** Please return a minute order and one fully executed signature page for Cooperative Agreement 14-0192-SF to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office which will be sent to CDFA for final signature.

**Attachments:** Cooperative Agreement 14-0192-SF

**Authored by:**

Mary Ann Rajala, Deputy Commissioner