



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Agriculture / Weights & Measures



Date: June 3, 2015
Board Meeting Date: July 7, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Fred W. Crowder, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

Subject: Agreement (#15-0053) with the California Department of Food and Agriculture

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for high risk pest exclusion inspection services for the term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$362,565.

BACKGROUND:

In 1999, your Board approved the first agreement with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to initiate the High Risk Pest Exclusion (HRPE) Program. The agreement has been renewed each year. HRPE program funding addresses the need for County plant inspection activities to prevent the introduction of exotic insects and diseases through identified high-risk pest pathways.

DISCUSSION:

The County will receive \$362,565 as reimbursement for 4,563 personnel hours to be expended on HRPE activities under agreement 15-0053. Staff will perform daily inspections of air freight shipments at San Francisco International Airport (SFO), nursery stock truck shipments at wholesale nurseries, and plant product shipments at parcel facilities. The Department's FY 2015-17 Recommended Budget recognizes this revenue.

CDFA will accept the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's approval and signature on agreement amendments providing the Department submits a resolution that outlines the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's authority to sign amended documents. The Department requests your Board to authorize the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer to execute additional amendments to this agreement with CDFA which modify the State's maximum reimbursement obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate) and/or

modify the agreement term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

The agreement and resolution has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Environmentally Conscious Community by reimbursing the County for pest exclusion work activities that protect the agricultural industry and the environment from harmful exotic pests that may be introduced into California. Industry shipping patterns and the economic downturn continue to impact the types of agricultural shipments entering the County at SFO. It is anticipated that three percent of the shipments inspected during FY 2015-16 will be rejected due to presence of actionable pests that are subject to State and Federal quarantine law. Exotic pest introduction and establishment may adversely affect the environment, agriculture and the economy of the State.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2015-16 Estimate	FY 2016-17 Projected
Percent of SFO shipments inspected with actionable pests	3%	3%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total agreement amount is \$362,565 which is offset through intergovernmental revenue for services provided by the County. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The revenue from this agreement is included in the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer FY 2015-17 Recommended Budget. There is no net county cost associated with this agreement.