



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



Date: August 30, 2012
Board Meeting Date: October 23, 2012
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Fred W. Crowder, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

Subject: Agreement (#12-0092) with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for high risk pest exclusion inspection services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for high risk pest exclusion inspection services to prevent the introduction of pests and diseases affecting economically important plant crops for FY 2012-2013, in an amount not to exceed \$350,515.24.

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 \$350,515.24 as reimbursement for 4,868 personnel hours to be expended on HRPE activities. 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. This annual agreement reimburses the County for 3,613 fewer hours than in FY 2011-12. The Department's FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget recognizes this revenue and the reduction in HRPE reimbursements will be covered by other new State and federal revenues as well as recognizing additional revenue anticipated through the annual Unclaimed Gas Tax subvention. These changes will not affect the department's ability to maintain Net County Cost at the FY 2012-13 level.

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 provision.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution and Agreement as to form. This contract is late because of delays at CDFA.

Approval of this 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. The number of Hawaiian cut flowers and herb shipments remains lower than prior to 2008. There has been an increase in infested foreign tropical fruit shipments that enter the United States on the East Coast and are inspected for California prohibited pests by our staff at SFO. It is anticipated that 275 pests subject to State quarantine action will be intercepted during FY 2012-13.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2011-12 Actual	FY 2012-13 Projected
Number of interceptions of harmful pests subject to State quarantine actions	259	275

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the Agreement is July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The total Agreement amount is \$350,515.24. The revenue from this Agreement was included in the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget. There is no Net County Cost associated with this Agreement.