



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



Date: October 28, 2014
Board Meeting Date: December 9, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Fred W. Crowder, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

Subject: Agreement (#14-0175) with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for detection and trapping of Mediterranean fruit fly and other economically important pests

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for detection and trapping of Mediterranean fruit fly and other economically important plant pests for FY 2014-15 in an amount not to exceed \$552,190.

BACKGROUND:

On December 1, 1981, your Board approved the first agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to initiate the Pest Detection Trapping Program. The agreement has been renewed each year. The statewide insect pest detection trapping program protects the agricultural industry, home gardens, and the environment by providing early detection of exotic pests that may be introduced into California.

DISCUSSION:

The County will receive \$552,190 under agreement #14-0175 as reimbursement for personnel hours expended on Exotic Pest Detection Trapping Program activities during FY 2014-15. The lateness of this contract was due to delays at CDFA resulting in the Department not receiving this agreement until October 14, 2014. Program staff place and monitor 565 Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly) traps, 565 Mexican fruit fly traps, and 1,983 other traps per year (including Japanese beetle, gypsy moth, Oriental fruit fly, and melon fly). The insect traps are placed throughout the County on residential and rural properties and are serviced at regular intervals from April through November.

The Agriculture/Weights and Measures Department also requests this Board give authority to the County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer to execute additional amendments to this Agreement with CDFA which modify the County's maximum fiscal 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 and, provided no such amended agreement would require the expenditure or commitment of County funds. CDFA will accept the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's approval and signature on agreement amendments provided the Department submits a resolution that outlines the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's authority to sign amended documents. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution and Agreement as to form.

Approval of this Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Environmentally Conscious Community by reimbursing the County for pest detection work activities that protect the agricultural industry and the environment from harmful exotic pests that may be introduced into California. CDFA periodically places insect specimens in County pest detection traps for training purposes and to test the identification abilities of Pest Detection Specialists. During FY 2013-14, two quality control specimens were missed by staff, leading to the 89% specimen recovery rate. It is anticipated that Pest Detection program staff will be able to recover at least 95% of exotic insect quality control specimens planted by CDFA during FY 2014-15. The projected target represents an estimate that staff will recover 18 out of 19 quality control specimens.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

| Measure | FY 2013-14 Actual | FY 2014-15 Projected |
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| Percent of exotic insect quality control specimens recovered by Pest Detection Program staff | 89% | 95% |

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this agreement is July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The annual revenue authorized by this agreement was included in the Department's FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget. The total contract amount is \$552,190 which is offset through intergovernmental revenue for services provided by the County. There is no Net County Cost associated with this Agreement.