



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



**Date:** January 7, 2015  
**Board Meeting Date:** February 10, 2015  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** 4/5ths

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Fred W. Crowder, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

**Subject:** Agreement (#14-0501-SF) with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for Light Brown Apple Moth quarantine inspection services

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing:

- A) An agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for Light Brown Apple Moth quarantine inspection services for the term, October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$139,159.51; and
- B) Approve an appropriation transfer request recognizing unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$100,600 and increasing appropriations in various accounts

**BACKGROUND:**

Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) is native to Australia and was first detected in San Mateo County in April 2007. This pest attacks a wide variety of native, ornamental, fruit, and vegetable plants. San Mateo County is currently under a Federal Domestic Quarantine Order and California State Interior Quarantine. Federal, state, and international quarantines imposed on infested counties have impacted our agricultural industry as nursery stock and other regulated commodities cannot move outside the quarantine area without certification from the local Agricultural Commissioner. In 2008, the Board approved the first Agreement with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for light brown apple moth quarantine inspection services.

**DISCUSSION:**

The County will receive a maximum of \$139,159.51 as reimbursement for LBAM regulatory activities. These activities include quarantine inspections of nursery stock shipments and nursery growing grounds, issuance of compliance agreements to affected parties such as nurseries, green waste producers/processors and producers of agricultural commodities, supervision of mandated quarantine treatments and

administrative support activities as outlined in the approved workplan. The Department proposes to utilize an Extra Help Biologist/Standards Specialist to assist with the inspection workload. The Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget does not include revenue authorized by this Agreement. This unanticipated revenue (\$100,600) will be recognized and appropriated by an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR), including appropriations to Salaries and Benefits and other expenditure accounts for program operating costs and vehicle replacement charges.

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

Approval of this Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Environmentally Conscious Community by supporting LBAM regulatory activities that protect agriculture and the environment from the spread of a harmful exotic moth introduced into California. Establishments shipping out of the quarantine area must have their growing grounds inspected every 30 days.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2013-14 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2014-15 Projected</b>
Percent of monthly inspections completed	95%	100%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the Agreement is October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. The total Agreement revenue amount is \$139,159.51. This revenue was not included in the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer FY 2013-15 Adopted Budget. With the proposed ATR, unanticipated revenue of \$100,600 will be recognized and appropriated in a number of expenditure accounts to support program Salaries and Benefits and other operating costs. The remaining revenue from this agreement represents activities from July 1, 2015 to Sept. 30, 2015 and will be included in the Department's FY 2015-17 Recommended Budget. There is no Net County Cost or obligation to expend County general fund monies associated with this contract.