



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



Date: December 26, 2012
Board Meeting Date: January 29, 2013
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Fred W. Crowder, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

Subject: Amendment to Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the Pierce's Disease/Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Control Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the Pierce's Disease/Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Control Program for the term of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$493,598.56

BACKGROUND:

The glassy-winged sharpshooter is an insect vector for Pierce's disease, which infects and kills grapevines, resulting in significant economic impact on the state's wine grape industry. The sharpshooter spreads the disease as it feeds on ornamental plants and agricultural crops. The goal of the Statewide Control Program is to prevent the spread of the sharpshooter from southern California while research is conducted for effective treatments and controls. The Board approved the first Pierce's Disease/Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Control Program contract in FY 1999-00, and the agreement and the resolution designating the Agricultural Commissioner as the "local public entity" have been renewed for each year since then. The Board approved the initial FY 2012-14 agreement on August 14, 2012.

DISCUSSION:

Under the amended FY 2012-14 two year agreement, the County will receive an additional \$48,817.56 for a new total amount not to exceed \$493,595.56. Staff conducts daily inspections of incoming nursery stock shipments from infested areas of California as well as detection surveys at County nurseries and urban landscapes. The contract also reimburses the County for two extra-help Pest Detection Specialists who deploy and service glassy-winged sharpshooter insect traps from April through October. This agreement incorporates the FY 2012-14 Pierce's Disease Control Program Work

Plan, which has been approved by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA).

Approval of this amended Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Environmentally Conscious Community by reimbursing the County for work activities that protect the agricultural industry and the environment from harmful exotic pests that may be introduced into northern California. It is anticipated that program staff will inspect at least 2500 nursery stock shipments and confirm that these shipments are free from glassy-winged sharpshooter.

This Agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2012-13 Projected	FY 2013-14 Target
Nursery stock shipments confirmed to be free of glassy-winged sharpshooter	2470	2500

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this amended Agreement is July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. The annual revenue authorized by this Agreement was included in the Department's Adopted FY 2012-13 Budget. The total agreement amount of \$493,595 will reimburse the County for expenses including \$271, 206 for the current fiscal year related to the Pierce's Disease/Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Program. This represents an increased reimbursement to County of \$48,817 from the initial agreement approved in August 2012. There is no Net County Cost associated with this agreement.