



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



Date: August 6, 2014
Board Meeting Date: September 9, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Fred W. Crowder, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

Subject: Agreement #14-0191-SF with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the Pierce's Disease/Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Control Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing:

- A) An 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, 2014 through June 30, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$444,778; and
- B) Designation of the Agricultural Commissioner as the local public entity authorized to receive these local assistance funds

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 annual agreement and the resolution designating the Agricultural Commissioner as the "local public entity" has been renewed for each year since then.

DISCUSSION:

Under the FY 2014-16 two year agreement, the County will receive \$222,389 per fiscal year for a total of \$444,778 to conduct daily inspections of incoming nursery stock shipments from infested areas of California as well as detection surveys at County nurseries and urban landscapes. The agreement 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 2014-16 Pierce's Disease Control Program Work Plan, which has been approved by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA).

Food and Agricultural Code Section 6046 requires the designation of a "local public entity" in each county to receive the Pierce's Disease Control/Glassy-winged Sharpshooter local assistance funds. CDFA has requested that each county provide a Board resolution specifically designating the County Agricultural Commissioner as the "local public entity" for receipt of these contract funds and has recommended that the Agricultural Commissioner obtain authorization to enter into additional amended agreements during the remainder of FY 2014-16, in order to expedite funding to the County should emergency program work activities be required. Wording to that effect has been included in the Resolution.

The Agriculture / Weights and Measures Department also request this Board to give authority to the County Agricultural Commissioner to execute additional amendments to this Agreement with the 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.

Approval of this 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 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Projected
Nursery stock shipments confirmed to be free of glassy-winged sharpshooter	2151	2500

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this agreement is July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. The annual revenue authorized by this agreement was included in the Department's FY 2013-15 Adopted Budget. The total contract amount of \$444,778 will reimburse the County for expenses up to \$222,389 annually related to the Pierce's Disease/Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Program during FY 2014-15 and 2015-16. There is no Net County Cost associated with this agreement.