



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



**Date:** March 24, 2016  
**Board Meeting Date:** April 26, 2016  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** 4/5ths

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

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

**Subject:** Amend agreement (#15-0209) with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for detection and trapping of Mediterranean fruit fly and other economically important pests for FY 2015-16 in an amount not to exceed \$666,933.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing:

- A) An amendment to the 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 2015-16 increasing the amount by \$114,743 to an amount not to exceed \$666,933; and
- B) Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request recognizing unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$114,743 and increasing appropriations in various expenditure accounts.

**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. The Board approved the original agreement 15-0209 on January 26, 2016 (Resolution No. 074306).

**DISCUSSION:**

CDFA has amended the state agreement for the Pest Detection Trapping Program to include reimbursement for additional trap placement and inspection services related to

Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP). The County will receive an additional \$114,743 under agreement #15-0209-1. The additional funds will be appropriated to Salaries and Benefits, and various operating expense accounts via an Appropriations Transfer Request (ATR).

In October and November 2015, adult ACP were found on traps in citrus trees on residential properties in Daly City and Pacifica. This marks the first ACP detected in San Mateo County. ACP is the only insect that can carry and spread Huanglongbing, a disease that is fatal to all citrus and for which there is no cure. These ACP finds triggered a delimitation survey to assess the distribution of the pest. CDFA requested additional panel traps to be placed throughout the County and that they be monitored until April 30, 2016. Program staff place and monitor 766 ACP traps.

The Agriculture/Weights and Measures Department also requests your 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. The agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

This agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Environmentally Conscious Community by reimbursing the County for pest detection 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. It is anticipated that staff will be able to recover 95% of the specimens planted by CDFA during FY 2015-16. The projected target represents an estimate that staff will recover 18 out of 19 quality control specimens.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

Measure	FY 2014-15 Actual	FY 2015-16 Projected
Percent of exotic insect quality control specimens recovered by Pest Detection Program staff	89%	95%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of this amended agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The revenue authorized by the original agreement was included in the Department's FY 2015-17 Adopted Budget. The additional revenue of \$114,743 provided by this amended agreement will be authorized via the Appropriations Transfer Request. The revised total agreement amount is \$666,933 which is offset through intergovernmental revenue for services provided by the County. There is no Net County Cost associated with this agreement.