



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



Date: November 7, 2012
Board Meeting Date: December 11, 2012
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Fred W. Crowder, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

Subject: Agreement (#12-0155) 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 the Mediterranean fruit fly and other economically important plant pests for FY 2012-13, 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 as reimbursement for personnel hours expended on Exotic Pest Detection Trapping Program activities during FY 2012-13. The lateness of this contract was due to delays at CDFA resulting in the Department not receiving this agreement until October 2012. This funding level will allow the Department to fill a vacant permanent part-time Pest Detection Specialist position and will cover other program Salaries and Benefits and mileage. Program staff place and monitor 565 Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly) traps, 565 Mexican fruit fly traps, and 1,977 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.

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 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 provision. 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 2011-12, five quality control specimens were missed by new staff, leading to the 77% specimen recovery rate. It is anticipated that Pest Detection program staff will be able to recover at least 94% of exotic insect quality control specimens planted by CDFA during FY 2012-13. The projected target represents an estimate that staff will recover 15 out of 16 quality control specimens.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2011-12 Actual	FY 2012-13 Projected
Percent of exotic insect quality control specimens recovered by Pest Detection Program staff	77%	94%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the Agreement is July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The total Agreement amount is \$552,190. The revenue from this Agreement is included in the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget. There is no Net County Cost associated with this Agreement.