



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



Date: September 29, 2015
Board Meeting Date: November 3, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Fred W. Crowder, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

Subject: Agreement (#15-0476-SF) with the California Department of Food And Agriculture to perform light brown apple moth inspection services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for light brown apple moth inspection services for the term of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$147,941.

BACKGROUND:

Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) is a pest 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 \$147,941.58 as reimbursement for LBAM regulatory activities. These activities include quarantine inspections of nursery stock shipments and nursery growing grounds, issuance of compliance agreements to regulated 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 work plan. The Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer FY 2015-17 Adopted Budget includes revenue authorized by this Agreement.

CDFA will accept the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's approval and signature on agreements 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 agreement and Resolution 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):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Actual	FY 2015-16 Projected
Percent of monthly inspections completed	97%	100 %

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this Agreement is October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. The annual revenue authorized by this agreement was included in the Department's FY 2015-17 Adopted Budget. The total contract amount is \$147,941.58 which is offset through intergovernmental revenue for services provided by the County. There is no net county cost or obligation to expend County general fund monies associated with this agreement.