



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



**Date:** May 20, 2015  
**Board Meeting Date:** July 7, 2015  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

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

**Subject:** Agreement with Regents of University of California, Cooperative Extension Service

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Regents of California for the Cooperative Extension Service to provide services to San Mateo County residents, for the term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$235,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

The University of California (UC), Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources connects the County's agricultural industry and all residents to UC research through the University of California Cooperative Extension program (UCCE). UCCE's advisors, specialists and faculty bring practical, science-based solutions to Californians and deliver knowledge resources to the San Mateo County agricultural industry and to residents through local offices in San Bruno and at UC Elkus Ranch in Half Moon Bay. Their locally-based programs include San Mateo County based advisors, Elkus Ranch Environmental Education Center, UC Master Gardeners, UC 4-H Youth Development Program, UC Master Food Preservers, UC Nutrition/CalFresh & EFNEP, UC Integrated Pest Management, Urban Forestry, Livestock and Rangeland Management, and California Naturalist which connect residents of all ages to agricultural and natural resource sciences and empower them to become active and engaged citizens.

**DISCUSSION:**

The funding from this agreement will allow UCCE to expand services to County residents. The UCCE delivers information to San Mateo County citizens through educational and applied research programs. The UCCE shall work in conjunction with government agencies and private parties on projects to provide an integrated, research-based approach to agriculture and natural resource understanding and management, with particular emphasis on integrated pest management, urban forestry and

agriculture, livestock and rangeland management, youth development, nutrition, environmental science, food preservation, home gardening, and citizen science participation. It will support and provide research and educational programs that meet local agriculture and natural resource needs, focused on enhancing the agricultural productivity, competitiveness, and sustainability in San Mateo County; protecting water, land, and air resources; and helping to shape healthy food systems in the County for all residents. The agreement also includes one-time funding of \$35,000 for necessary infrastructure improvements at UC Elkus Ranch that will facilitate future research on alternative cropping systems to support the local agricultural economy. UCCE will develop a six acre field research plot and demonstration site by installing a deer enclosure fence and drip-irrigation water system.

A waiver of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process is requested for this agreement because the UCCE program is a sole source provider. A waiver of the County equal benefits requirements is also requested. The Regents of the University of California equal benefits policy does not completely conform to County policy. UC provides benefits to all married spouses but not to domestic partners. UCCE provides valuable services in San Mateo County and there is no other entity that serves this function.

The Department requests your Board to authorize the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer to execute additional amendments to this Agreement which modify 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 resolution and agreement as to form.

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Environmentally Conscious Community by supporting the expansion of agricultural and natural resource oriented services to County residents.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

Measure	FY 2015-16 Projected	FY 2016-17 Projected
Number of youth and adults participating in UCCE led agricultural and environmental programming	20,000	20,000

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. The total agreement amount is not to exceed \$235,000 for the two year term. The amount for FY 2015-16 will be \$135,000 including one-time revenue of \$35,000 and the amount for FY 2016-17 will be \$100,000. The funds for FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 are included in the Department's FY 2015-17 Recommended Budget by way of an annual net county cost increase of \$100,000 for FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 and an intrafund transfer of \$35,000 for FY 2015-16.