



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

**Department:** AGRICULTURE\WEIGHTS &  
MEASURES

**File #:** 21-115

Board Meeting Date: 2/9/2021

**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Koren J. Widdel, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

**Subject:** Agreement (#20-0204) with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the detection and trapping of regulated insect pests that can significantly affect agricultural crops and the environment for FY 2020-22 in an amount not to exceed \$1,373,770

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the detection and trapping of regulated insect pests that can significantly affect agricultural crops and the environment for FY 2020-22 in an amount not to exceed \$1,373,770.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On December 1, 1981, your Board approved the first agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to initiate the insect 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 state regulated pests that may be introduced into California.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The County will receive \$1,373,770 under agreement #20-0204 as reimbursement for personnel hours expended on Pest Detection Trapping Program activities during FY 2020-22. The lateness of this agreement was due to delays at CDFA. San Mateo County pest detection program staff place and monitor 3,838 insect traps per year (e.g. 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. In the past five years, Pest Detection staff have intercepted Mediterranean, Oriental, Peach and Guava fruit flies, as well as Asian Citrus Psyllid which resulted in eradication projects or single introductions where it was determined there was not a breeding population.

The Agriculture/Weights and Measures Department also requests that your Board give authority to the County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer to execute additional amendments to this agreement

with CDFA which modify the State’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. CDFA will accept the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer’s approval and signature on agreement amendments provided the Department submits a resolution that outlines the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer’s authority to sign amended documents. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution and agreement as to form.

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 2019-20, Pest Detection Specialists recovered 92% (11 out of 12 of all exotic insect quality control specimens planted by CDFA. It is anticipated that Pest Detection program staff will be able to recover at least 95% of exotic insect quality control specimens planted by CDFA during FY 2020-22.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2019-20 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2020-22 Projected</b>
Percent of exotic insect quality control specimens recovered by Pest Detection Program staff	92%	95%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of this agreement is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. The annual revenue appropriated to FY 2020-21 and authorized by this agreement was included in the Department’s FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget. The annual revenue appropriated to FY 2021-22 will be included in the Department’s FY2021-22 Recommended Budget. The total contract amount is \$1,373,770 which is offset through intergovernmental revenue for services provided by the County. There is no Net County Cost associated with this agreement.