



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

**Department:** AGRICULTURE\WEIGHTS & MEASURES

**File #:** 18-050

Board Meeting Date: 1/23/2018

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

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

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

**Subject:** Amendment to the agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (17-0118) for detection and trapping of pests that can significantly damage plants for FY 2017-18, increasing the amount by \$104,165 for a total reimbursement amount not to exceed \$655,355

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for detection and trapping of pests that can significantly damage plants for FY 2017-18, increasing the amount by \$104,165 for a total reimbursement amount not to exceed \$655,355.

### **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 most recent agreement #17-0118 on November 21, 2017, in a total amount not to exceed \$551,190 (Resolution No. 075569).

### **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 \$104,165 under the amended agreement #17-0118-1, for a total reimbursement of \$655,355. The CDFA sent this agreement amendment to the Agricultural Commissioner on December 15, 2017.

In October and November 2015, adult ACP were found on traps in citrus trees on residential properties in Daly City and Pacifica. This marked 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 June 30, 2018. This amendment will reimburse the Department for 742 additional ACP winter and delimitation traps to be placed and inspected July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

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 that 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, 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. 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 percent of the specimens planted by CDFA during FY 2017-18. The projected target represents an estimate that staff will recover 35 out of 37 quality control specimens.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

Measure	FY 2016-17 Actual	FY 2017-18 Projected
Percent of exotic insect quality control specimens recovered by Pest Detection Program staff	100%	95%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of this amended agreement is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The revenue authorized by the original agreement and this amendment was included in the Department's FY 2017-18 Final Budget. The revised total agreement amount is \$655,355 which constitutes intergovernmental revenue for services provided by the County. There is no Net County Cost associated with this agreement.