



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: AGRICULTURE\WEIGHTS &
MEASURES
File #: 19-332

Board Meeting Date: 4/23/2019

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 Agriculture (#18-0046-1) for high-risk pest exclusion inspection services, increasing the agreement by an amount of \$306,584 for a total reimbursement amount not to exceed \$603,109.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to:

- A) Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for high-risk pest exclusion inspection services for Fiscal Year 2018-19, increasing the amount by \$306,584 for a total reimbursement amount not to exceed \$603,109; and
- B) Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request recognizing unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$306,584 and increasing appropriations in various expenditure accounts.

BACKGROUND:

In 1999, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors approved the first agreement with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to initiate the High-Risk Pest Exclusion (HRPE) Program. The agreement has been renewed each year. HRPE program funding addresses the need for County plant inspection activities to prevent the introduction of exotic insects and diseases through identified high-risk pest pathways.

DISCUSSION:

Under the amended agreement #18-0046-1, CDFA will be providing additional funding to the County for the HRPE program in an amount of \$306,584 for a total reimbursement of \$603,109 for 7,166 personnel hours to be expended on HRPE activities under agreement #18-0046. Staff will perform daily inspections of air freight shipments at San Francisco International Airport (SFO), nursery stock truck shipments at wholesale nurseries, and plant product shipments at parcel facilities. Pest exclusion work activities protect the agricultural industry and the environment from harmful exotic

pests that may be introduced into California.

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 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. The agreement and Resolution has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

Industry shipping patterns continue to impact the types of agricultural shipments entering the County at San Francisco International Airport (SFO). It is anticipated that two percent of the shipments inspected during FY 2018-19 will be rejected due to presence of actionable pests that are subject to State and Federal quarantine law. The Department is tracking shipments with actionable pests intercepted by Los Angeles County Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) as a benchmark versus the actionable pest interceptions at SFO. Exotic pest introduction and establishment may adversely affect the environment, agriculture, and the economy of the State.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2017-18 Actuals	FY 2018-19 Projected
Percent of shipments inspected with actionable pests at SFO	2%	2%
Percent of shipments inspected with actionable pests at LAX	1%	2%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this amended agreement is July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The revenue authorized by the original agreement was included in the Department's FY 2018-19 Adopted Budget. The additional intergovernmental revenue of \$306,584 provided by this amendment will be authorized via the Appropriations Transfer Request. The revised total agreement amount is \$603,109. There is no Net County Cost associated with this agreement.