County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: AGRICULTURE\WEIGHTS & MEASURES

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Board Meeting Date: 8/6/2019

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Fred W. Crowder, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

Subject: 2018 Annual San Mateo County Agricultural Crop Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the 2018 San Mateo County Agricultural Crop Report prepared by the Agricultural Commissioner.

BACKGROUND:

Sections 2279 and 2272 of the California Food and Agricultural Code require that each California Agricultural Commissioner prepare an annual crop report as well as a sustainable agriculture report. The San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner issued its first crop report in 1940.

DISCUSSION:

Each county agricultural commissioner is required to annually prepare a summary of the county's agricultural crop production as well as a sustainable agriculture report. This information is provided to the Secretary of Agriculture at the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service to track agricultural production and commodity values. Attached is the 2018 San Mateo County Agricultural Crop Report providing information on yields and values of local crops, including nursery, vegetable and field crops, livestock, dairy, and forest products, as well as the summary of sustainable agriculture information, including farmers' markets, organic producers, and local pest management and pest exclusion programs.

The 2018 San Mateo Agricultural Crop Report contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Environmentally Conscious Community by providing information on the County's agricultural industry and methods used to protect the agricultural industry and the environment from harmful exotic pests that may be introduced into California.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The preparation of the crop report has no impact on the Department's Net County Cost.