



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: AGRICULTURE\WEIGHTS &
MEASURES

File #: 20-188

Board Meeting Date: 4/7/2020

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Fred W. Crowder, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

Subject: Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the detection and trapping of Asian Citrus Psyllid for FY 2019-20 for reimbursement in an amount not to exceed \$152,548.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the detection and trapping of Asian Citrus Psyllid ("ACP"), a regulated insect pest that can significantly affect agricultural crops and the environment, for the term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$152,548.

BACKGROUND:

On April 26, 2016, this Board approved a contract amendment with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to initiate trap placement and inspection services for ACP under the insect Pest Detection Trapping Program. Since then, the agreement has been renewed each year through the amendment process. For FY 2019-20, CDFA has issued a separate agreement for ACP trapping. 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 \$152,548 under agreement #19-0737-027-SF as reimbursement for personnel hours expended on Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Program activities during FY 2019-20. The lateness of this agreement was due to delays at CDFA. San Mateo County pest detection program staff place and monitor 580 ACP winter traps from November 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020, and 300 ACP delimitation traps from October 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. The insect traps are placed throughout the County on residential and rural properties and are serviced following the ACP Trapping Guidelines (ACPTG) set by CDFA.

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. This agreement will reimburse the Department for ACP traps placed and inspected for the term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

The Agriculture/Weights and Measures Department also requests that this 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.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

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 2018-19, Pest Detection Specialists recovered 83% (15 out of 18) 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 2019-20.

Measure	FY 2018-19 Actual	FY 2019-20 Projected
Percent of exotic insect quality control specimens recovered by Pest Detection Program staff	83%	95%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this agreement is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The annual revenue authorized by this agreement was included in the Department’s FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget. The total contract amount is \$152,548 which is offset through intergovernmental revenue for services provided by the County. There is no Net County Cost associated with this agreement.