



Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: December 3, 2024 **Revised**

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	Yes

CONTACT PERSON: Tesfaye Jimma PHONE: 5596843368

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, to offset the costs of providing soil and commodities treatment supervision and/or nematode sampling in the amount not to exceed \$900.00 retroactive from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The agreement is retroactive due to the delay in receiving the proposed agreement from the California Department of Food and Agriculture.
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement.
3. Direct the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's Office to provide a signed copy of the Agreement to the Clerk of the Board.

SUMMARY:

This Agreement is intended to render financial aid to the County to provide soil and commodities treatment supervision and/or nematode sampling for the California Department of Food and Agriculture. These services will ensure that nurseries within the County are free from the presence of harmful nematodes, protecting the marketplace and the nursery industry of Tulare County.

This agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate:

1. This Agreement requires mutual liability between the County and the State.
2. The County signs first.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The County will receive funding up to \$900.00 for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 from the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Revenues and the associated expenditures for this program are included in the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget. There is no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Economic Well-Being Initiative to promote economic development opportunities, effective growth management, and a quality standard of living. This request to authorize an Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the purpose of providing soil and commodities treatment supervision and/or sampling will ensure that nurseries within the County are free from the presence of harmful nematodes, protecting the marketplace and the nursery industry of Tulare County. This serves to protect the County's agriculture-based economy by providing a safeguard for the nursery industry.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Tesfaye Jimma
Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/
Sealer of Weights & Measures

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: California Department of Food and Agriculture Nematode Agreement FY2024-2025.