



Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2024

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

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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 in the amount up to \$6,001.30 for the Industrial Hemp Cultivation Program – With Registration retroactive from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. The Agreement is retroactive because the document was received from the State on August 6, 2024.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of July 1, 2024, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Agreement.
4. Direct the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's Office to provide a signed copy of the Agreement to the Clerk of the Board.

SUMMARY:

This Agreement allows the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's Office to be reimbursed up to \$6,001.30 from the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the registration of growers of Industrial Hemp, the investigations of unregistered Industrial Hemp Growers and California Department of Food and Agriculture pre-approved Public Outreach Activities.

The Agreement has been approved to form by County Counsel. The following terms deviate from the County boilerplate:

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

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no net county cost in performing this service. The county may receive up to \$6,001.30 of reimbursement for registration and enforcing the laws and regulations regarding the cultivation of Industrial Hemp for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and Fiscal Year 2025/2026 if this Agreement is approved.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Tulare County's strategic plan includes the Economic Well Being initiative to promote economic development opportunities, effective growth management and a quality standard of living. This program will allow the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's Office to continue to protect the county's agricultural based economy by registering Industrial Hemp cultivation sites and ensuring that the grower is cultivating Industrial Hemp.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Jonathan D. Bixler
Jonathan D. Bixler
Deputy Sealer

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: California Department of Food and Agricultural Agreement 24-0439-000-SA