



# Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** June 29, 2021 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

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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 for providing State subvention in the amount of \$380,000.29 to offset costs of providing Asian Citrus Psyllid Bulk Citrus regulatory activities from July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.
2. Authorize the Chair to sign two copies of the Agreement.

### **SUMMARY:**

The CDFA ACP Bulk Citrus program began in January 2017. In this program establishments (Growers, Fruit Sellers, Transporters, and Packer/Processors) enter into compliance agreements with the Agricultural Commissioner's office that reinforce their commitment to follow regulations put in place to slow the spread of a dangerous disease Huanglongbing (HLB). HLB is caused by a bacterium (CLAS) that adversely affects the appearance and maturation of citrus fruit. There are currently no known treatments for HLB. This disease has affected many citrus areas, most notably Florida where it has infected 60% of planted citrus trees, causing millions of dollars of damage. HLB has been detected in over 1200 citrus trees in Southern California. HLB is spread by an insect, the Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP), which acts as a vector spreading the disease from tree to tree. As part of this program, county personnel perform inspections to ensure that transported loads of citrus remain tarped throughout transport to reduce the chances of a hitchhiking ACP spreading throughout Tulare County.

**SUBJECT:** Approve an Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture regarding ACP Bulk Citrus Inspections.

**DATE:** June 29, 2021

This Agreement is intended to render State financial aid to the County for providing Asian Citrus Psyllid bulk citrus regulatory activities. Regulating the safeguarding measures for bulk citrus movement is critically important to the agricultural industry in our county and will serve to mitigate the spread of an exotic insect pest that threatens our agricultural industry.

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

Mutual Liability, parties agree to be liable for their own wrongful or negligent action, neither party indemnifies the other.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

No additional net county cost to the General Fund. The County will receive funding up to \$380,000.29 for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 from the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Revenues and the associated expenditures for this program is included in the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

No additional net county cost to the General Fund. The County will receive funding up to \$380,000.29 for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 from the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Revenues and the associated expenditures for this program is included in the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/Christopher P. Greer  
Christopher P. Greer  
Assistant Agricultural Commissioner/  
Sealer or Weights & Measures

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: California Department of Food and Agriculture ACP Bulk Citrus Agreement (20-0709-041-SF)