



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

CONTACT PERSON: Jonathan Bixler PHONE: 559-684-3350

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 provide State funding of \$572,026.00 to offset costs of providing Exotic Pest detection trapping services, retroactive from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. The Agreement is retroactive because the document was not received from the State until June 9, 2021.
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed Agreement as of July 1, 2020, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the Agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement, including the Contractor Certification Clause, and California Civil Rights Attachment

SUMMARY:

This agreement is intended to render State financial aid to the County for providing Exotic Pest detection trapping. The early detection of these detrimental pests is critically important to the agricultural industry in our county and will allow for the early detection and delimitation of exotic insect pests that threatens our agricultural industry and our ability to export products from our county.

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

- 1) The County agrees to indemnify the state.

SUBJECT: Approve an Amended Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture

DATE: June 29, 2021

2) The County signs the agreement first.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no additional net County cost to the General Fund associated with this action. The County will receive funding up to \$572,026.00 for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 and Fiscal Year 2021/2022 from the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Revenues and the associated expenditures for this program will be included in the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's Fiscal Year 2020/2021 and Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget. .

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 Exotic Pest detection trapping in the county will ensure timely continuance of a long-standing program of protecting the County's agriculture-based economy by ensuring early detection and delimitation of exotic insect pests that threatens our agricultural industry and our ability to export products from our county.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Jonathan Bixler _____
Jonathan Bixler
Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: CDFA Exotic Pest Agreement (20-0202), Contractor Certification Clause, and California Civil Rights Attachment