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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Marcia Blackmon for David Whitmer - Agricultural Commissioner
Agricultural Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Revenue Agreement with California Department of Food and Agriculture

RECOMMENDATION

Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures requests approval of and authorization for the Chairman to sign the renewal of Revenue Agreement No. 7448 with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for a maximum of \$952,938 for the term February 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for activities related to European Grapevine Moth detection program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The authorization of this agreement with CDFA provides for reimbursement to the County for European Grapevine Moth (EGVM) detection (trapping services) performed from February 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. These activities consist of placing and servicing traps for the detection of the European Grapevine Moth, which is considered hazardous to agriculture and to the economy of California. This Agreement includes reimbursement to the County of costs associated with performing visual property surveys as well as for the cost of a grower liaison to assist winegrape growers with pest management strategies for European Grapevine Moth.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	This CDFA State Agreement in the amount of \$952,938 is budgeted in the Department's FY2010-11 and FY2011-12 budgets.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory

Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	This is an annual agreement that has no fiscal impact beyond the stated ending date.
Consequences if not approved:	If this agreement is not approved, the County will not be reimbursed for performing State mandated survey and trapping activities. This would include not being reimbursed for work already performed. Protecting the County from harmful agricultural pests could only be done with appropriate funding, such as that provided by this agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, or by funding the mandated activity through the General Fund.

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The European Grapevine Moth (EGVM), scientifically known as *Lobesia botrana*, was first identified in the United States from Napa County vineyards in October 2009. Grape (*Vitis vinifera*) is the primary host for this pest and of the most concern, although there are secondary hosts, such as olives.

A delimitation trapping program, cooperatively conducted by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, begun in the late winter of 2010 and found that the pest had infested vineyards from Calistoga to Carneros, as well as many urban areas of the County.

The authorization of this agreement with CDFA provides for reimbursement to the County for European Grapevine moth (EGVM) survey, delimitation and ongoing trapping services performed from February 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. These activities consist of placement and inspection of insect traps and mandated survey activities. The agreement also provides for education and outreach at the local level; maintaining of trapping records; and conducting administrative support. This agreement reimburses the County for the costs of using the services of Martin Mochizuki as a grower liaison. The primary responsibility of the grower liaison is to assist winegrape growers with pest management strategies they can use to control the pest and prevent crop damage.

This funding agreement is coming to the Board late due to delays in Federal funding.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan