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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Humberto Izquierdo - Agricultural Commissioner  
Agricultural Commissioner

**REPORT BY:** Jaspreet Faller, Staff Services Analyst II - 253-4973

**SUBJECT:** Approval of a new agreement with California Department of Food and Agriculture

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures requests approval and authorization for the Chair to sign a revenue agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for a maximum of \$32,000 for the term January 15, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for reimbursement of expenditures associated with protecting the biodiversity of native ecosystems and abatement of noxious weed and other invasive plant infestations within the County of Napa.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The authorization of this new revenue agreement with CDFA provides reimbursement to the County for surveying, mapping, manual removal of noxious weeds and invasive plants in partnership with the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) and the Napa County Weed Management Area (WMA). This agreement provides \$24,735 for the District, \$3,157 for the WMA and \$4,108 for the Agricultural Commissioner's control and removal of the noxious weeds within the County of Napa.

### **FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Agricultural Commissioner will receive \$4,108, Napa Open Space District and WMA will receive \$27,892 of the grant monies.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory

Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	This agreement expires on June 30, 2022. The department will include the revenue/pass through amount in their FY21/22 requested budget.
Consequences if not approved:	If the agreement is not approved, the County will not be reimbursed for performing State mandated activities.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Vibrant and Sustainable Environment
Additional Information:	

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: General Rule. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore CEQA is not applicable. [See Guidelines For the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)].

**Consideration and possible adoption of a Categorical Exemption Class 6:** It has been determined that this type of project does not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The project will not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern, has no cumulative impact, there is no reasonable possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances, will not result in damage to scenic resources, is not located on a list of hazardous waste sites, cause substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource or extract groundwater in excess of the Phase 1 groundwater extraction standards as set by the Department of Public Works. [See Class 6 ("Information Collection") which may be found in the guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act at 14 CCR §15306.]

**Consideration and possible adoption of a Categorical Exemption Class 8:** It has been determined that this type of project does not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. [See Class 8 ("Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment") which may be found in the guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act at 14 CCR §15308.]

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

This agreement provides for the reimbursement of costs to the Agricultural Commissioner associated with the survey and mapping project for red sesbania (*Sesbania punicea*) in the creek adjacent to Highway 29 and First Street in the city of Napa. Red sesbania is a shrub found in riparian areas, which can outcompete native plants and contribute to bank erosion and flooding.

The project's primary focus is on the mechanical control of French broom (*Genista monosperulana*) at Moore Creek Park, which will be led by the District. French broom is aggressively invasive, it excludes native habitat and has a long lasting seed bank. It produces a large amount of dry matter, increasing fire hazard, and quickly blocks trails and roadsides. French broom can easily be pulled by hand from wet soil without any tools. In drier conditions, a weed wrench is needed for removal. The WMA will assist with mapping, administrative support, and public outreach.

To be eligible for the grant, applicants had to be a County Agricultural Commissioner.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri