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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
REPORT BY: Greg Clark, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, 253-4357
SUBJECT: Presentation of proclamations acknowledging Hudson Vineyards and Napa Valley
Grapegrowers

RECOMMENDATION

Presentation of proclamations acknowledging the Hudson Vineyards and Napa Valley Grapegrowers, who were presented "IPM (Integrated Pest Management) Innovator Awards" by the CalEPA, Department of Pesticide Regulation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Annually, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation recognizes organizations for environmental excellence with DPR's IPM Innovator Awards. This year at a ceremony at Cal-EPA on October 11, 2005, two of the nine IPM Innovator Awards were presented to Napa County organizations: Hudson Vineyards and Napa Valley Grapegrowers. We are proud of these local environmental leaders and take this opportunity to commend them for their accomplishments and leadership.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

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

At a ceremony at Cal-EPA in Sacramento on October 11, 2005, Hudson Vineyards and Napa Valley Grap growers were presented the Department of Pesticide Regulation's IPM Innovator Award.

IPM, or integrated pest management, works with nature to create a healthy ecosystem that helps keep pests under control while reducing or eliminating the use of chemicals. IPM Innovators find new ways to reduce pesticide use and risks, and they share their success with others to promote IPM statewide.

Presenting the awards this year, was DPR Director, Mary-Ann Warmerdam. In addition, Secretary of Food and Agriculture, A.G. Kawamura attended the ceremony and commended the recipients for their leadership.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Napa Valley Grap growers Proclamation
- B . Hudson Vineyards Proclamation

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey