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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Greg Clark for David Whitmer - Agricultural Commissioner  
Agricultural Commissioner  
**REPORT BY:** JEFFREYLYNN ERWIN, DEPUTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION, 253-4357  
**SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Resolution Accepting the Engineer's Report for the Winegrape Pest & Disease Control District and Setting a Public Hearing on the Proposed Levy of Assessment

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Agricultural Commissioner requests adoption of a resolution which will provide for the following actions:

1. Acceptance of the the Engineers' Report for the Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District for the Fiscal Year 2007/2008 and the proposed levy of assessment for the district;
2. Set a Public Hearing for July 17, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. to hear protests to the establishment of the proposed assessment;
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to comply with the requirements of Article XIII D of the California Constitution with respect to notice requirements for the proposed assessment; and
4. Designate Sora O'Doherty of the County Counsel's Office, as the person to answer questions regarding the assessments and protest proceedings.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The recommended action will commence the annual assessment process for the Winegrape Pest & Disease Control District for the 2007-2008 fiscal year by accepting the Engineer's Report, which sets forth the proposed assessment, and setting a public hearing to hear protests to the proposed assessment.

### **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**

In 2002, the Board of Supervisors established the Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District (NCWPDCD) to assist in the funding of the inspection, detection, and education of Pierce's disease as stated in the Napa County Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter (GWSS) Workplan with the goal of preventing the spread of Pierce's disease by the GWSS. In 2006, property owners subject to the assessment approved the NCWPDCD's use of assessments for activities included in the Commissioner's Vine Mealybug Workplan.

Pursuant to Napa County Code section 3.54.040, an Engineers' Report for the NCWPDCD, dated May 24, 2007, has been prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors by Kristin Lowell, Inc. The proposed assessments are based upon an allocation of program costs over all properties subject to assessment within the NCWPDCD, (i.e., parcels of one or more planted vineyard acres - approximately 45,566 acres). The assessments will be utilized to assist the funding of the Napa County Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Workplan and Vine Mealybug Workplan. The report recommends the levy of an assessment for fiscal year 2007-2008 in the amount of \$157,313 for a per acre assessment of \$3.45.

The NCWPDCD Board conducted a public meeting on March 14, 2007, and by a unanimous vote adopted a budget reflecting the above figures. The total estimated cost for the Agricultural Commissioner to implement the Napa County GWSS Workplan and related District activities for FY 2007-2008 is \$672,258 with funding coming from the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the County, and the proposed assessments.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A . Resolution of Intent
- B . Engineers Report (Summary)

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi