TO: Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Marcia Blackmon for David Whitmer - Agricultural Commissioner  
Agricultural Commissioner  
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SUBJECT: Revenue Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture

RECOMMENDATION

Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign renewal of revenue Agreement No. 2683 with the California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) for a maximum of $6,975 for the term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for reimbursement of expenditures for activities related to the performance of inspections and sampling of petroleum products and performance of weighmaster audits.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the requested action will renew the County's revenue agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for reimbursement of services for inspections and sampling of petroleum products and performance of weighmaster audits performed during the period from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes  
Is it currently budgeted? Yes  
Where is it budgeted? Agricultural Commissioner BU 26400, account 45014800 ST: OTHER.  
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Mandatory  
Is the general fund affected? Yes  
Future fiscal impact: This is an annual agreement with no fiscal impact beyond the current fiscal
Consequences if not approved: The County will not receive funding or reimbursement for performing State mandated inspections and samplings.

Additional Information: Revenue resulting from the Weights & Measures Petroleum and Weighmaster agreement with CDFA has been budgeted in revenue line 45014800. The amount budgeted for this agreement is a base dollar amount of $4,650. There is an additional $2,325 available under the contract, but this is for reimbursement of specific activities that Napa County does not perform.

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

Revenue for certain mandated services is budgeted each year in the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's budget. The revenue agreement before the Board today, between the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), Division of Measurement Standards, and the County, provides for reimbursement of all costs associated with the Sealer of Weights and Measures' performance of activities ensuring petroleum and automotive products sold within the state and county meet minimum quality and labeling standards. The Sealer of Weights & Measures is also responsible for ensuring the accuracy weighing practices used by licensed Weighmasters to weigh assorted commodities within the channels of trade. Agreement No. 2683 provides for the reimbursement of costs up to $6,975 that are associated with the performance of petroleum inspections and audits of Weighmasters. Napa County budgets $4,650 of this as revenue in revenue line 45014800 based upon work that the department actually conducts. The agreement also provides for revenue for work meeting a set criteria, however, this additional work is not required and not currently performed by the department. The department cannot perform these other services without adding additional staff and purchasing equipment. In addition, some of the work would be difficult to perform given unique aspects of the agricultural business operations using most of the affected weighing devices.

Funding for the agreement is derived from assessments that the State of California collects on the manufacturing and sale of petroleum products. These funds are disbursed to counties to fund inspection activities included in the revenue agreement and have been included in the Governor's approved budget.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve
Reviewed By: Helene Franchi