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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tracy Cleveland for Greg Clark - Agricultural Commissioner
Agricultural Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Renewal of Agreement with the WPDCD to share district costs for another 5 years

RECOMMENDATION

Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the renewal of a cost-sharing agreement between the County and the Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District for another five-year term until June 30, 2022 to prevent the spread of Pierce's Disease in Napa County via Glassy-winged Sharpshooter, and to mitigate the effects of Vine Mealybug through a comprehensive trapping program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District (WPDCD) was established by the Board of Supervisors in March 2002, and was reauthorized in 2017 for a fourth five-year term which will end in March of 2022. The threat that Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS) poses to the vineyards and economy of Napa County remains serious, as there is still no cure for Pierce's Disease, and GWSS egg masses continue to be found on plants shipped from nurseries in the infested areas of southern California. The WPDCD also manages programs to mitigate the effects of Vine Mealybug in Napa County vineyards.

The County and District have for the past ten years had an agreement to share costs for program expenditures that are not covered by State monies (Agreement #4949; expiration June 30, 2017).

The District and the Napa County Agricultural Commissioner request that the Napa County Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the renewal of the cost-sharing agreement between the County and the District to allow the continuation of the programs that protect Napa County's agriculture.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Agricultural Commissioner
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	To assure that Napa County's agricultural industry is optimally protected from the losses that would occur if GWSS were introduced or established. In addition, the County has supported a cost-sharing agreement between the County and the District for GWSS program expenditures that exceed the standards mandated by California quarantine regulations. The County also shares in the cost of the VMB trapping program with the District.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	The Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District (WPDCD) was reauthorized for a fourth five-year term and continues to support the cost-sharing agreement. Future fiscal impacts will be similar each year, with the District collecting approximately \$365,800 each year through the collection of assessment funds and the Agricultural Commissioner funding approximately \$161,000 each year. The reason the assessment figure of \$365,800 is not equal to the Agricultural Commissioner funding of \$161,000 is due to the District funding other pest related program activities that the District fully funds. The funding provided by the District assessment and the Agricultural Commissioner's Office is in addition to \$212,930 in State funding for the GWSS program.
Consequences if not approved:	Funding will not be available to continue the comprehensive program of plant inspection and other program activities currently performed to ensure GWSS is not introduced and becomes established in Napa County. Furthermore, funding will not be available to fully support the trapping and identification necessary to identify and monitor VMB infestations.
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

When Napa County's agricultural stakeholders became aware of the threat posed by the GWSS and Pierce's disease in 2001, they began raising voluntary "assessment" funds to aid the Agricultural Commissioner's efforts to keep GWSS out of Napa County. In October of that year, the Agricultural Commissioner successfully sought authorization from the Napa County Board of Supervisors to enter into agreement A-4607 with the Napa Valley Grape Growers Association, the Napa Valley Vintners Association and the Napa County Farm Bureau. The agreement provided for the 50-50 cost-sharing of the County's Glassy-winged Sharpshooter/Pierce's Disease

Workplan costs not reimbursed by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). This agreement remained in effect until December 31, 2002.

On March 26, 2002, the Napa County Board of Supervisors created the Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District (WPDCD) in accordance with the procedures of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 6292) of Part 1 of Division 4 of the Food and Agricultural Code. The purpose of this special assessment District was to assist in the funding of the inspection, detection, and education of Pierce's Disease and to prevent the spread of Pierce's Disease by the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter.

On February 25, 2003, the Napa County Board of Supervisors gave conditional approval of a new cost-sharing agreement, and directed the Agricultural Commissioner to seek approval from the District. As a result, on April 1, 2003, the District and the County entered into agreement A-4949 that provided for the equal sharing of GWSS program costs not funded by the CDFA. Agreement A-4949 expired on June 30, 2007 to coincide with the end of the five year authorization period of the District.

In the Spring of 2006, growers voted overwhelmingly to reauthorize the District for another five years and expand the scope of funded activities to include any pests of winegrapes, such as Vine Mealybug (VMB) which had been introduced into Napa County. Effective July 2007, Agreement A-4949 was renewed and modified to include the cost-sharing of the VMB trapping program workplan through June 2012.

The District was reauthorized for another five years effective March 2012 and the cost-sharing agreement renewed effective July 2012 through 2017.

The District was reauthorized for another five years effective March 2017 and the cost-sharing agreement is set to end at the end of June 2017. As a result, the continued renewal of the agreement is being presented for consideration and approval today.

The cost-sharing agreement is important to the continuing partnership between the County and the winegrape industry. It is also integral to the funding of Napa County's program to prevent the introduction and establishment of the GWSS and efforts to manage and to limit the spread of VMB.

The Agricultural Commissioner requests that you approve the authorization for the Chair to sign the renewal of the cost-sharing agreement with the District through June 30, 2022.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri