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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Greg Clark for David Whitmer - Agricultural Commissioner
Agricultural Commissioner
REPORT BY: Greg Clark, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, 253-4357
SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Adoption of a resolution imposing proposed assessments for the Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District.

RECOMMENDATION

Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures requests the following actions relating to the Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District (WP&DCD):

1. Open Public Hearing to consider any objections or protests with respect to the assessments proposed for WP&DCD for Fiscal Year 2005-2006; and
2. Close Public Hearing and adopt a resolution authorizing and levying assessments for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 on qualifying properties in the WP&DCD.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This public hearing, which complies with the requirements of Proposition 218, is to consider objections or protests to the proposed assessment. This resolution imposes an assessment in the amount of \$1.75 per planted vineyard acre for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 on qualifying properties, which is being reduced from the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 assessment of \$2.20 per planted vineyard acre.

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:	This revenue source is used in combination with State Grant funding and

	General Fund revenue in a financial partnership developed to prevent Pierce's Disease and the spread of the glassy-winged sharpshooter.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	It is anticipated that the WP&DCD will continue to participate in a financial partnership.
Consequences if not approved:	There would be a decrease in the level of service for this program.
Additional Information:	None.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is an activity encompassed within the Negative Declaration adopted March 26, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors for the formation of the District and its subsequent activities.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

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The proposed assessments for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 do not exceed the range of assessments previously approved by the Board and the owners of the parcels of real property in the WP&DCD containing one or more acres of planted vineyard. The annual assessment may not exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00) per acre per year. Pursuant to Napa County Code section 3.54.040, an Engineers' Report for the WP&DCD, dated June 13, 2005, 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 WP&DCD, (i.e., parcels of one or more planted vineyard acres - approximately 47,771 acres). The report recommends the levy of an assessment for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 in the amount of \$83,599 for a per acre assessment of \$1.75. The assessment resolution will exclude from the assessment property owned by Alan and Janice Owens (APN 047-211-003) as it has been determined that the property does not contain planted vineyard acreage.

The WP&DCD Board conducted a public meeting on March 9, 2005 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 Fiscal Year 2005-2006 is \$726,963, with funding coming from the California Department of Food and Agriculture, County, and the proposed assessments.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey