TO: Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Tracy Cleveland for Humberto Izquierdo - Agricultural Commissioner  
Agricultural Commissioner  
REPORT BY: Jaspreet Faller, Staff Services Analyst II - 253-4973  
SUBJECT: Renewal of Revenue Agreements with California Department of Food & Agriculture  

RECOMMENDATION  
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign renewals for the following revenue agreements:

1. Agreement No. 170147B with the California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) for a maximum of $2,762 for the term July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for activities related to the performance of Sudden Oak Death inspections on nursery shipments; and  
2. Agreement No. 170909B with CDFA for a maximum of $500 for the term July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for activities related to the performance of nursery inspections and enforcement work.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
Approval of the requested action will renew the County's revenue agreements with CDFA.

Renewal of Revenue Agreement No. 170147B reimburses the County for inspection of Sudden Oak Death (SOD) host material entering or leaving the County and enforcement work performed from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Renewal of Revenue Agreement No. 170909B reimburses the County for nursery inspection and enforcement work (inspecting nursery facilities ensuring the area is clean and free of pests and ensuring proper labeling).

FISCAL IMPACT
Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? Yes
Where is it budgeted? Agricultural Commissioner
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Mandatory
Is the general fund affected? Yes
Future fiscal impact: These are annual agreements that have no fiscal impact past the stated ending date of June 30, 2020.
Consequences if not approved: If these agreements are not approved, the County will not be reimbursed for performing State mandated activities.

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

Agreement No. 170147B provides for reimbursement to the County for Sudden Oak Death (SOD) inspections performed according to the terms of the agreement to ensure Napa County can control the movement of the Oak Mortality Disease. SOD is a tree disease caused by fungus-like pathogen Phytophthora ramorum. First recognized in the mid-1990's, the disease kills some oak species (primarily coast live oak and an oak relative, tanoak) and has had devastating effects on coastal forests in California and Oregon. The pathogen also infects rhododendrons, camellias, and other common horticultural plants, causing ramorum blight. Unintentional pathogen introductions are an acute concern for restoration of sensitive habitat where restoration nursery stock may serve as a pathway for pathogen introduction into native habitats. The agreement also provides for "trace-back" and "trace-forward" exercises required by the State. These exercises help identify where pests and diseases originate from, and identify where the pest might have spread.

Agreement No. 170909B provides for reimbursement to the County for nursery inspections performed to ensure Napa County is free of harmful agricultural pests. Activities consist of enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to nursery stock, including licensing requirements, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between CDFA and the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve
Reviewed By: Leigh Sharp