



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 8/17/2021

File #: 21-1157

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Agricultural Commissioner

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Cooperative Agreement No. 21-0336-000-SA, Nursery Inspection Program Contract in the amount of \$2,063.00

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Standard Agreement No. 21-0336-000-SA, known as the Nursery Inspection and Enforcement Program contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture in the amount of \$2,063.00;
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the original agreement, and direct the Clerk of the Board to return all signed copies to the Agricultural Commissioner's office for further processing;
3. Grant a waiver from the provisions of the Nuclear Free Ordinance.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)

DISCUSSION:

Cooperative Agreement No. 21-0336-000-SA provides funding for Humboldt County's Nursery Inspection and Enforcement Program. The Agriculture Department enforces laws and regulations pertaining to the production and sales of nursery stock, including but not limited to licensing requirements, nursery stock cleanliness standards and is responsible for responding to complaints against nursery businesses. The amount reimbursable under this agreement shall not exceed \$2,063.00 based on 115.5 reimbursable acres, as reported by Humboldt County. County inspections are reimbursed on a per acre basis for inspection and enforcement activities at a rate of \$18.50 per acre.

In Humboldt County there are 52 licensed production nurseries and 44 retail and incidental retailers of nursery products. Humboldt County nurseries produce a wide range of plant products, the most important being cut flowers, reforestation conifers and ornamental nursery stock.

The waiver from the provisions of the Nuclear Free Ordinance is requested since the State of California will not modify its cooperative agreements to accommodate local ordinances. The

Agricultural Commissioner's office receives annual subventions from CDFA to offset the local cost of enforcing certain state-mandated programs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Cooperative Agreement No. 21-0336-000-SA provides \$2,063.00 for the Humboldt County Nursery Inspection and Enforcement Program in FY 2021-22. Payment is made in arrears to Humboldt County based on monthly invoices and upon meeting specific contractual requirements. The department's revenue and expenditure accounts were previously funded in anticipation of this agreement therefore no supplemental budget accompanies this request. This agreement comes to your Board for approval after the July 1 effective date because of delays in receiving this agreement from CDFA.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by enforcing laws and regulations to protect residents.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

CDFA

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

One complete Cooperative Agreement No. 21-0336-000-SA

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-1

Meeting of: 9/1/2020

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