



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 8/20/2019

File #: 19-1174

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Agricultural Commissioner

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Approval of Cooperative Agreement No. 19-0625-000-SA, Nursery Inspection Program Contract

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Standard Agreement No. 19-0625-000-SA, known as the Nursery Inspection and Enforcement Program contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture in the amount of \$1,673.00;
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; and
3. Grant a waiver from the provisions of the Nuclear Free Ordinance.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)

DISCUSSION:

Humboldt County nurseries produce a wide range of plant products the most important being cut flowers and reforestation conifers. There are 48 licensed production nurseries and 63 retail and incidental retailers of nursery products in Humboldt County. The Agriculture Department enforces laws and regulations pertaining to the production and sales of nursery stock, including but not limited to licensing requirements and nursery stock cleanliness standards. The county nursery inspection program is conducted in accordance with the state-county Nursery Inspection Program Memorandum of Understanding between the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association. The amount reimbursable under this agreement shall not exceed \$1,673.00 based on 106.95 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 \$15.64 per acre.

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. Cooperative Agreement No. 19-0625-000-SA provides funding for Humboldt County's Nursery Inspection and Enforcement Program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Cooperative Agreement No. 19-0625-000-SA provides \$1,673.00 for the Humboldt County Nursery Inspection and Enforcement Program, fund 1100, budget unit 261, in fiscal year 2019-20. This item comes to your Board after the effective date of July 1, 2019, due to the time needed for processing and finalizing of the State Standard Agreement. 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.

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:

Cooperative Agreement No. 19-0625-000-SA

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A