



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 7/12/2022

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File #: 22-880

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Agricultural Commissioner

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Approval of Cooperative Agreement No. 21-0517-026-SF, the Pierce's Disease Control Program Contract in the amount of \$18,639.76

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Cooperative Agreement No. 21-0517-026-SF known as the Pierce's Disease Control Program contract between Humboldt County and the California Department of Food and Agriculture;
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the original agreement and direct the Clerk of the Board to return all copies to the Agriculture Department 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), Agricultural Commissioner (1100-261-525736)

**DISCUSSION:**

The waiver from the provisions of the Nuclear Free Ordinance is requested because the State of California will not modify its "cooperative agreements" to accommodate local ordinances. The Agricultural Commissioner's office receives annual funding from CDFA to off-set local costs associated with implementing mandated state programs at the county level.

The Pierce's Disease Control Program (PDCP) contract funds trapping and survey activities that are intended to protect Humboldt County's viticulture industry from a serious disease known as Pierce's Disease. Pierce's Disease is caused by the bacterium *Xylella fastidiosa* and is spread by the Glassywinged Sharphooter (GWSS). In addition to grapes, GWSS infests many species of ornamental plants and nursery stock. To prevent the spread of Pierce's Disease to Humboldt County, the PDCP program monitors nursery stock and other plant product shipments from areas under quarantine for GWSS. Agricultural Commissioner's office staff also place and inspect GWSS traps at nurseries and in ornamental plantings of residential areas surrounding nurseries. Standard Agreement No. 21-0517-026-

SF provides 2 years of funding for the PDCP in Humboldt County (Fiscal Years 2022-23 and 2023-24).

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Standard Agreement No. 21-0517-026-SF provides \$18,639.76 (\$9,319.88 in each of the fiscal years (FY) covered by the agreement) for the Agricultural Commissioner's office activities related to the Pierce's Disease Control Program for two fiscal years from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

Costs are billed to CDFA on a monthly basis and payment is made in arrears to Humboldt County. There is cost to the General Fund for the Pierce's Disease Control Program. All costs for personnel, mileage and supplies will be reimbursed by CDFA. These costs were included in the proposed FY 2022-23 budget for the Agricultural Commissioner (1100-261).

**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:**

Your Board could choose not to approve this agreement, however, that is not recommended as the agreement is funded by the state and would allow the county to conduct trapping and survey activities that are intended to protect Humboldt County's viticulture industry from Pierce's Disease.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Cooperative Agreement No. 21-0517-026-SF

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No.: N/A

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