



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/3/2025

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File #: 25-626

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Agricultural Commissioner

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**SUBJECT:**

Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0282-000-SA, known as the Noxious Weed Grant Program with California Department of Food and Agriculture

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0282-000-SA; and
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the agreement amendment 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.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

**DISCUSSION:**

In January 2020, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) began offering weed control funding to County Agricultural Commissioners through a weed grant program made possible through the Governor's Biodiversity Noxious Weed Management Initiative. On August 15, 2023, your Board approved Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0282-000-SA which continued CDFA's support of cooperative and comprehensive efforts to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive weed species. Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0282-000-SA provided funding to Humboldt County to continue weed control projects begun during the first year of the grant program in 2020. The agreement provided \$42,421.00 to Humboldt County for work performed from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025.

Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0282-000-SA extends the expiration date of the original agreement from June 30, 2025, to a new expiration date of December 31, 2027. The amendment adds \$55,190.30 to the agreement for a new total not to exceed \$97,611.30 for noxious weed program activities during the extended period from July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2027. The increase in funds and time extension is due to additional available money. All other terms and conditions of the agreement shall remain the same.

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.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

CDFA, Agricultural Commissioner 1100-261-525033

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

<b>Expenditures (1100, 261)</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	<b>FY26-27 Projected*</b>
<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$30,190.30</u>
<b>Additional Appropriation Requested</b>		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$30,190.30</u>

*\*Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

<b>Funding Sources (Fund, Budget Unit)</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	<b>FY26-27 Projected*</b>
<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>State/Federal Funds</b>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$30,190.30</u>
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$30,190.30</u>

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**Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:**

Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0282-000-SA provides an additional \$55,190.30 in funding for invasive weed control projects approved under the agreement from July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2027. There is no net cost to Humboldt County for projects approved under the agreement. All costs associated with the noxious weed program are billed to CDFA on a quarterly basis and payment is made in arrears to Humboldt County and received by the Agricultural Commissioner's Office (budget unit 1100-261-525033). Revenue and expenditure accounts to support department activities supported by the fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 noxious weed program were budgeted in the amount of \$25,000. The remaining \$30,190.30 is anticipated for FY 2026-27 and will be included in the annual budget cycle.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

There is no impact on staffing.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Your Board could choose not to approve Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0282-000-SA. However, that is not recommended as it funds noxious weed eradication efforts in the county.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0282-000-SA
2. Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0282-000-SA

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Meeting of: August 15, 2023

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