



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 7/14/2020

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File #: 20-838

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Agricultural Commissioner

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Approval of Cooperative Agreement No. 20-0135-000-SA, Certified Farmer's Market Inspection Contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture in the Amount of \$3,562.50

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Cooperative Agreement No. 20-0135-000-SA, known as the Certified Farmer's Market Inspection Program contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) in the amount of \$3,562.50;
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:**

CDFA

**DISCUSSION:**

The waiver from the provision 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. CDFA's Direct Marketing Program provides opportunities for California farmers to market their raw products directly to consumers, by providing exemptions from standardization program requirements including: minimum size, labeling, standard pack, and container requirements. The direct marketing program consists of registrations of certified market locations (Farmer's Markets), and producers certified to sell at those locations. Cooperative Agreement No. 20-0135-000-SA provides funding for inspections and investigations related to violations of direct marketing program requirements for agricultural products offered for sale at certified farmer's markets (CFM) and participating producer's cultivation sites. Per the agreement, allowable expenses include, but are not limited to CFM growing ground and storage site inspections, verification of declared

acreage, crop type and production amounts consistent with producer's certificates, and inventory inspections of commodities offered for sale at certified locations. Each year multiple CFMs are operated throughout Humboldt County where residents can purchase fresh local produce directly from the producers.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Cooperative Agreement No. 19-0035-000-SA provides \$3,562.50 for certified farmer's market enforcement activities to the General Fund via the Agricultural Commissioner's Budget Unit 1100-261 in FY 2020-21. Humboldt County will be reimbursed based on monthly invoices for actual costs incurred for investigations and associated inspections pre-approved by CDFA. Activities billable under the agreement include: inspection and investigatory work including follow-up inspections, administrative costs related to enforcement, mileage and travel time, contracting for hearing officers, and costs related to case closure. No supplemental budget accompanies this request as revenue and expenditure accounts were previously funded in anticipation of this agreement.

**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. 20-0135-000-SA

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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