



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 9/20/2022

File #: 22-1148

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Agricultural Commissioner

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Approval of Cooperative Agreement No. 22-1097-000-SA, Nursery Inspection Program Contract in the amount of \$2,423.00

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Standard Agreement No. 22-1097-000-SA, known as the Nursery Inspection and Enforcement Program, with the California Department of Food and Agriculture in the amount of \$2,423.00;
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) (1100-261)

DISCUSSION:

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. 22-1097-000-SA provides funding for Humboldt County's Nursery Inspection and Enforcement program. The Agricultural Commissioner's office 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 Nursery Inspection and Enforcement program is conducted in accordance with the state-county Nursery Inspection Program Memorandum of Understanding between CDFA and the California Agricultural Commissioner's and Sealer's Association.

In Humboldt County there are 55 licensed production nurseries and 42 retail and incidental retailers of nursery products. Humboldt County nurseries produce a wide range of plant products the most important being cut flowers and reforestation conifers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Cooperative Agreement No. 22-1097-000-SA provides \$2,423.00 for the Humboldt County Nursery Inspection and Enforcement Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23. The amount reimbursable under this agreement shall not exceed \$2,423.00 based on 98.5 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 \$24.59 per acre. Payment is made in arrears to Humboldt County based on monthly invoices and upon meeting specific contractual requirements. These funds were budgeted in Fund 1100, Budget Unit 261 for FY 2022-23 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:

The Board may choose not to approve the agreement. However, this alternative is not recommended as these funds are meant to offset the local cost of enforcing laws and regulations to protect residents.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Cooperative Agreement No. 22-1097-000-SA

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A