



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Agricultural Commissioner

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Approval of Standard Agreement No. 22-1363-000-SG, Known as the High-risk Pest Exclusion Program Contract in the Amount of \$23,713.99

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Standard Agreement No. 22-1363-000-SG, known as the High-Risk Pest Exclusion Program contract with 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) (1100-261)

**DISCUSSION:**

The waiver from the provisions of the Nuclear-Free Ordinance is requested because the State of California will not modify its Standard 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. One of these county programs, High-Risk Pest Exclusion is intended to prevent or limit the spread of harmful or invasive plant diseases or insect pests. Standard Agreement No. 22-1363-000-SG provides \$23,713.99 in funding to Humboldt County for inspection of high-risk plant material at parcel terminals (United Parcel Service and Federal Express), air freight forwarding facilities and nursery stock from certain states known to be associated with spreading pests.

Under authority of the California Food and Agriculture Code (Sections 2282.5, 6303, 6401 and 6403), agriculture department staff conduct inspections of plant products for live pests and profile plant shipment invoices to verify compliance with state quarantine requirements. County high-risk inspections are one local component of the state-wide CDFA Pest Exclusion Program that inspects shipments of plant products at ports, airports, border inspection stations and other commercial or public points of entry to California. When necessary CDFA advises and coordinates state, federal and

county personnel in response to confirmed or potential pest introductions in order to prevent or limit infestations of known serious agricultural or environmental pests. The types of plant products inspected by county staff include nursery stock, fruits, vegetables, cut flowers and animals shipped for the pet trade. Plant shipments found to be out of compliance or infested with pests are rejected and then either returned to the owner, held pending proof of quarantine compliance or destroyed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of Standard Agreement No. 22-1363-000-SG provides \$22,713.99 for High-Risk Pest Exclusion activities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23. Payments to Humboldt County are made in arrears and based on monthly invoices and upon meeting contractual requirements. These funds were budgeted in Fund 1100, Budget Unit 261, Agricultural Commissioner 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:

Your Board could choose not to approve this 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. Standard Agreement No. 22-1363-000-SG

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A