

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

August 8, 2023

FROM

BRADY GERGOVICH, Agricultural Commissioner / Sealer, Department of Agriculture / Weights & Measures

SUBJECT

Revenue Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for Inspections for the Certified Farmers Market Program

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve **Revenue Agreement No. 23-850** with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (State Agreement No. 23-0057-000-SA) to perform inspections for the Certified Farmers Market program, for a maximum reimbursement of \$6,240 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

(Presenter: Brady Gergovich, Agricultural Commissioner / Sealer, 387-2115)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The revenue agreement specifies a term from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, for a maximum reimbursement of \$6,240. Sufficient appropriation and revenue have been included in the Department of Agriculture / Weights & Measures (AWM) 2023-24 budget. Per the revenue agreement, services will be fulfilled by existing AWM staff.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This revenue agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Inspection Services Division and Compliance Branch (CDFA, Inspection & Compliance) will reimburse AWM for performing inspection and enforcement services related to the Certified Farmers Market (CFM) program for a maximum reimbursement of \$6,240 from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

AWM will continue to conduct enforcement inspections at Certified Farmers Markets and Certified Producers production sites. These market and producer site inspections and investigations will be in addition to the normal farmers market and producer inspections performed under State mandate. Inspection activities will be conducted when requested by the State and will include follow-up inspections, program administration and investigations relating to enforcement and market inspections performed, in addition to the minimum required by law. CDFA, Inspection & Compliance forwards complaints regarding the sale of items not produced at the Certified Producer's growing grounds for AWM investigation, which is completed through

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site visits of the Certified Producer's grounds. When an investigation is necessary, the CDFA, Inspection & Compliance will assist in the coordination of the inspections and will assign a case number for tracking and billing purposes.

The Board of Supervisors (Board) first approved the initial revenue agreement with CDFA, Inspection & Compliance on August 25, 2015 (Item No. 7), to provide inspection services at market and producer growing locations throughout San Bernardino County and an agreement has since been renewed on a continual annual basis.

On July 5, 2023, AWM received the State revenue agreement in the amount of \$6,240 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. This item is being presented to the Board at this time as this is the first date available for presentation following the required operational, fiscal, and legal reviews. Approval at this time will have no impact on the work that has been performed for the CFM program, as work performed since July 1 ,2023 will be reimbursed under this agreement.

This revenue agreement aligns with the County and Chief Executive Officer goals and objectives to pursue County goals and objectives by working with other agencies with respect to performing inspections and enforcement related activities for the CFM program on the behalf of CDFA, Inspections & Compliance, and receiving reimbursement for the work performed.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Daniel Pasek, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on July 17, 2023; Finance (Elias Duenas, Administrative Analyst, 387-4052) on July 17, 2023; and County Finance and Administration (Valerie Clay, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5453) July 19, 2023.

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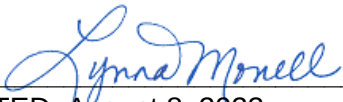
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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Curt Hagman Seconded: Joe Baca, Jr.

Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: August 8, 2023



cc: A/W&M - Gergovich w/agree for sign
Contractor - c/o A/W&M w/agree
File - w/agree

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