

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

June 11, 2024

FROM

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

SUBJECT

Amended Revenue Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the Exotic Fruit Fly Pest Detection Trapping Program

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve **Amendment No. 1 to Revenue Agreement No. 24-153** (State Agreement No. 22-1694-028-SF) for the Exotic Fruit Fly Pest Detection Trapping Program, adding for the establishment and administration of a contract with a fruit picking service to remove Oriental fruit fly host material from properties as directed by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, increasing the amount by \$200,000, from \$876,210 to \$1,076,210, with no change to the contract term 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 amended revenue agreement specifies a term from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and adds \$200,000 to the original agreement amount of \$876,210 for a revised maximum reimbursement of \$1,076,210. Sufficient appropriation and revenue have been included in the Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures (AWM) 2023-24 budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Amendment No. 1 (Amendment) to Revenue Agreement No. 24-153 (State Agreement No. 22-1694-028-SF) (Agreement) amends the scope of work to include that AWM establish and administer a contract with a fruit picking service to remove Oriental fruit fly host material from properties as directed by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), Pest Detection Emergency Projects (PDEP) staff. The increase in maximum reimbursement of \$200,000 is to be used to administer the contract with the fruit picking service.

AWM will continue to place and service traps for the detection of exotic fruit flies related to the Exotic Fruit Fly Pest Detection Trapping Program (Program), which are reimbursed by CDFA, PDEP. CDFA, PDEP determined that the placing and servicing of traps should be performed by counties due to the widespread distribution of locations throughout the State where host trees are found. Host trees attract numerous invasive pests, including the Mediterranean fruit fly,

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Mexican fruit fly, Oriental fruit fly, Melon fly, Spongy moth and Japanese beetle. All trapping activities will conform to the current version of the State Insect Trapping Guide noted in the agreement work plan.

On August 17, 1981 (Item No. 40), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the initial revenue agreement with CDFA, PDEP to provide Program services at locations throughout the county and an agreement has since been renewed on a continual basis.

On February 27, 2024 (Item No. 6), the Board approved the Agreement in the amount of \$876,210 for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

On April 29, 2024, AWM received the Amendment including the addition to the scope of work and increase in the maximum reimbursement from \$876,210 to \$1,076,210, with no change to the term 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 Program, as work performed since July 1, 2023, will be reimbursed under this Agreement.

On September 27, 2023, CDFA, PDEP enacted an Oriental fruit fly quarantine in the Redlands, Mentone, and Yucaipa areas. The quarantine was in response to the detection of the Oriental fruit flies in these areas.

In February 2023, CDFA, PDEP began mandatory fruit removal within the quarantine area. The purpose of the mandatory fruit removal is to interrupt the life cycle of the Oriental fruit fly. The mandatory removal of fruit from host trees will not give emerging flies the opportunity to lay eggs because of the lack of host material thus interrupting the life cycle of the invasive fly.

This Agreement aligns with the County and Chief Executive's Officer's goals and objectives by working with other agencies with respect to detecting exotic fruit fly pest infestations early enough to allow for their prompt and effective eradication on the behalf of CDFA, PDEP and receiving reimbursement for the work performed.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Brett Davison, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on May 29, 2024; Finance (Elias Duenas, Administrative Analyst III, 387-4052) on May 29, 2024; and Finance and Administration (Valerie Clay, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on May 29, 2024.

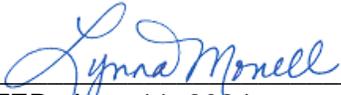
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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

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

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: June 11, 2024



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