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

**September 09, 2025** 

### **FROM**

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

#### **SUBJECT**

Revenue Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the High-Risk Pest Exclusion Program

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve **Revenue Agreement No. 25-665** with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (State Agreement No. 25-0412-000-SG) to continue to provide inspection services related to the High-Risk Pest Exclusion Program, on behalf of the State, from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, for a maximum reimbursement of \$40,245.51.

(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 Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The revenue agreement in the amount of \$40,245.51 is being provided by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services/Pest Exclusion (PHPPS/Pest Exclusion). Sufficient appropriation and revenue have been included in the Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures (AWM) 2025-26 budget. Services, per the revenue agreement, will be provided by existing AWM staff.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

AWM currently performs inspection services related to the High-Risk Pest Exclusion Program, which includes the enforcement of plant quarantines, inspection of packages at parcel carrier terminals and the phytosanitary certification of exports throughout San Bernardino County. If pests or disease symptoms are observed during inspections of plant, fruit or vegetable samples, the specimens are submitted to the CDFA Plant Pest Diagnostic Laboratory for identification. Upon confirmation of a pest or disease that is of economic importance and subject to state enforcement action involving eradication, quarantine containment, rejection or other holding action, the plants are returned to the shipper or destroyed by AWM staff. The goal of these inspections is to stop the spread of plant pests, insects and diseases that pose a threat to the agricultural industry, California's environment, and the economic well-being of the State.

The Board of Supervisors (Board) has approved revenue agreements with CDFA, PHPPS / Pest Exclusion for the High-Risk Pest Exclusion program since 1999 to perform inspection

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services. The services include the enforcement of plant quarantines, inspection of packages at parcel carrier terminals and the phytosanitary certification of exports throughout San Bernardino County. A revenue agreement for these services has since been renewed annually.

On August 5, 2025, AWM received State Agreement No. 25-0412-000-SG (Agreement) in the amount of \$40,245.51 for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. 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 High-Risk Pest Exclusion Program, as work performed since July 1, 2025, will be reimbursed under this agreement.

## **PROCUREMENT**

N/A

## **REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Brett Davison, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on August 6, 2025; and County Finance and Administration (Eduardo Mora, Administrative Analyst, 387-4376) on August, 21, 2025

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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

DATED: September 9, 2025



cc: DAAS - Gergovich w/agree for sign

Contractor - c/o DAAS w/agree

File - w/agree

CCM 09/10/2025