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

June 10, 2025

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. 25-367** (State Agreement No.25-0137-000-SA) with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, to perform inspections for the Certified Farmers Market program, for a maximum reimbursement amount of \$6,044, for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

(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, 2025, through June 30, 2026, for a maximum reimbursement of \$6,044 from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). Sufficient appropriation and revenue have been included in the Department of Agriculture / Weights & Measures (AWM) 2025-26 recommended budget. Per the revenue agreement, services will be fulfilled by existing AWM staff.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This revenue agreement with the CDFA, Inspection Services Division and Compliance Branch (Inspection & Compliance) will reimburse AWM for performing inspection and enforcement services related to the Certified Farmers Market (CFM) program.

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. Producer site 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.

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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 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.

AWM has collaborated with CDFA, Inspection & Compliance since 2015 to provide inspection services at market and producer growing locations throughout the county and agreements have since been renewed on an annual basis.

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

Not applicable

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Brett Davison, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on May 14, 2025; Finance (Eduardo Mora, Administrative Analyst, 387-4052) on May 20, 2025; and County Finance and Administration (Valerie Clay, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on May 20 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: June 10, 2025



cc: A/W&M- Gergovich w/agree for sign

Contractor - c/o A/W&M w/agree

File - w/agree

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