



**Tulare County Agricultural  
Commissioner/Sealer  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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District Four  
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District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** May 21, 2019 - REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**SUBJECT:** Approve an Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture regarding Navel and Valencia Inspections.

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, to provide State funding of \$222,429.38 to offset costs of providing Navel and Valencia Inspections services for the state Maturity/Freeze program from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign two copies of the Agreement.

**SUMMARY:**  
In 2005 the California Citrus Industry sponsored legislation establishing a continued inspection program pertaining to the standards for orange maturity and citrus freeze damage. The legislation also allows funding for the Department to provide the citrus industry with a state crop estimating service and an acreage survey. The citrus commodities that are affected by this legislation are Navel oranges, Valencia oranges, lemons, and mandarin citrus varieties. The new legislation amends the legislation developed in 1994 that established the original program (the Navel and Valencia Program).

The purpose of this program is to protect the industry and the general public from substandard product and to insure that the established minimum maturity and quality standards are met, as well as to provide the industry with current and accurate data regarding the State's citrus acreage and citrus crop information.

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This Agreement is intended to render financial aid to the County to provide Navel and Valencia Inspections services for the state Maturity/Freeze program. These services will insure that agricultural products sold in the County meet the requirements of the state Maturity/Freeze program, insuring all immature or freeze damaged fruit is kept off the market so that only wholesome fruit will be sold to consumers.

This agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate:

1) Neither party to the agreement will indemnify the other.

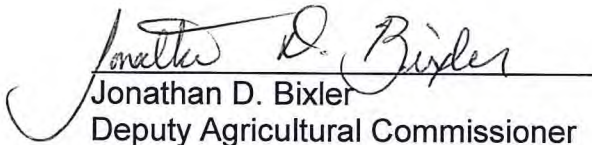
**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

No additional net County cost to the General Fund. The County will receive funding up to \$222,429.38 for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 from the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Revenues and the associated expenditures for this program will be included in the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's Fiscal Year 2019/2020 budget

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Economic Well-Being Initiative to promote economic development opportunities, effective growth management, and a quality standard of living. This request to authorize an Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the purpose of regulating produce being sold and/or processed in the county will insure timely continuance of a long-standing program of protecting the County's agriculture-based economy by insuring all immature or freeze damaged fruit is kept off the market so that only wholesome fruit will be sold to consumers.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

  
Jonathan D. Bixler  
Deputy Agricultural Commissioner

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) California Department of Food and Agriculture FY 2019/2020 Navel and Valencia Inspection Agreement (19-0008-000-SA)

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN )  
AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
AGRICULTURE REGARDING NAVEL AND )  
VALENCIA INSPECTIONS )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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