



Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

Gary Kunkel, Agricultural Commissioner
Sealer of Weights and Measures
William R. Appleby, Assistant
Commissioner/Sealer

DATE: July 24, 2006

AGENDA DATE: August 8, 2006

AGENDA ITEM NO. _____

SUBJECT: Agreement between County of Tulare and California Dept. of Food and Agriculture for Sudden Oak Death Statewide Emergency Response activities.

REQUEST(S): Retroactively approve (because of late date received from the State), and authorize the Chairman to sign, Agreement Number 06-0307 with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the purpose of reimbursing the County for cost incurred during the statewide emergency response to the detection of Sudden Oak death in Oak trees throughout California, effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION: *Phytophthora ramorum* is a fungus-like organism that causes Sudden Oak Death (SOD). As a result of the nursery detections of this organism, all nurseries in California are operating under a statewide federal emergency order (a quarantine). All shipments of *P. ramorum* host or associated host plants destined to other states must be accompanied by a certificate indicating compliance with the federal requirements. This agreement is intended to render financial aid to the County for the performance of SOD emergency response activities. The agreement will provide reimbursement for activities performed in fiscal year 2006/2007. The effective date of the agreement is July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. The agreement is to be retroactively approved because it was received too late from the State to be placed on the Board's agenda by prior to June 30th.

FINANCING: The County will receive \$102,014 in fiscal year 2006/2007 if this agreement is approved. State revenues for this program have already been included in the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's fiscal year 2006/2007 requested budget. There is a projected zero net county cost for this program.

ALTERNATIVES: No action or disapproval would mean that the Agricultural Commissioner would not be able to receive financial aid from the California Department of Food and Agriculture to offset costs incurred in carrying out SOD emergency response activities.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES: The California Department of Food and Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture. County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: If approved, please sign the first page AND additional single page of the Standard Agreement package. Please return ALL originals, along with a copy of the resolution, to the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer for forwarding to the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Once the contract is finalized, the agreement is considered fully executed and an original will be returned to you.

SUBMITTED:

Gary Kunkel
Agricultural Commissioner
Sealer of Weights and Measures

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

Agreement between Tulare) RESOLUTION NO.
County and California Dept.)
of Food and Agriculture for) Agreement No.
Sudden Oak Death Statewide)
Emergency Response activities)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____,
2006. BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: C. BRIAN HADDIX
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
DEPUTY CLERK

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