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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE:	April 1, 2008 - Revised
	Public Hearing Required Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐ Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒ Published Notice Required Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒ Advertised Published Notice Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒ Meet & Confer Required Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐ Electronic file(s) has been sent Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐ Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐ Personnel Resolution attached Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒ Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s) Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐ CONTACT PERSON: Bob Hamlin PHONE: 685-3309x208
SUBJECT:	Tulare County Weed Management Area Projects - Grant funding for project years 2008 and 2009.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and approve an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for providing services in the support of Tulare County Weed Management Area for the Tulare County Weed Management Area Early Detection, Eradication and Containment Projects retroactive to January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009.

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SUMMARY:

On August 14, 2007, Resolution Number 2007-0532 was approved by the Tulare county Board of Supervisors to authorize the submittal of an application to the California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) for grant funds for the Tulare County Weed Management Area Early Detection, Eradication and Containment Projects for fiscal years 2008/2008 and 2008/2009.

Background:

Tulare County Weed Management Area, (WMA) was originally formed in 2001. The goal is to bring together all interested and willing agencies and entities interested in controlling and stopping the spread of noxious and invasive weeds within the county of Tulare. To date, they have a core group of people who have been able to initiate change in the public perception of invasive species. Through outreach and education, they have been able to make noxious weeds a prime subject.

The WMA has published a weed brochure that has been distributed throughout the county. They have also been able to provide a spray program (over 1,000 acres treated) that is a great value to many people and has been very successful for participants. The WMA has been in the media on several occasions, spreading the word about invasive plant species. While excited about their accomplishments, they realize there is much work ahead. With continued funding, many more goals can be reached.

This grant consists of four projects and cooperators:

Project 1 - Arundo Eradication

Goal: To eradicate Arundo (*Arundo donax)* from the upper Kaweah Watershed, thereby preventing future infestations downstream via the dispersal of Arundo rhizomes or stem nodes. An eradication effort can be coordinated with land managers and owners to remove the upper most stands of Arundo in the Kaweah river drainage, an area encompassing the foothills, Tulare Lake basin, and hundreds of miles of interconnected agricultural canals. Control in the project area, the community of Three Rivers, is essential to ensure the future success of Arundo eradication projects downstream. The project will protect areas adjacent to Sequoia National Park, Lake Kaweah, farms, ranches, and urban communities.

A second goal will be to augment the on-going education efforts of the WMA, through continuing monthly articles in a foothill newspaper (on-going since

2005) and an annual weed awareness workshop.

Project 2 - Yellow Starthistle Containment, Monitoring and Mapping

Goal: Control of Yellow Starthistle (YST) is an ongoing effort by the WMA in Tulare County with success in rangelands through proper herbicide use, biological controls, and grazing management changes. However, small ranchettes on high traffic corridors serve as an ongoing seed source that needs to be addressed. The goal of this project is to contain further spread of YST through a collaborative effort including WMA and landowners (landowners share cost). Strategy is to start at highest and furthest reach and work back toward valley attempting to identify 100% of infested lands in these corridors and recruit 75% for participation.

Project 3 – Alligatorweed Eradication

Goal: To eradicate Alligatorweed in Tulare and Kings Counties, and prevent its spread to the Delta via the water flows of the Kings River. Alligatorweed is listed by California Department as an A-Rated pest and is in the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) top ten list of noxious weeds. Left unchecked this weed can completely choke off waterways. The two counties plan to take a coordinated approach to detection and eradication of the only infestation in the Central Valley of California. This will protect the waterways in this important agriculture production area.

Project 4 – Scotch Thistle Eradication

Goal: Eradicate Scotch Thistle in Tulare County. An eradication effort can be coordinated with land managers and owners to stop the spread of Scotch Thistle.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

This grant has been awarded by the CDFA and will result in an overall net savings to the County. Expenses are budgeted to be split across two fiscal periods with $18,005 in FY 07/08 and $42,964 in FY 08/09:

Project 1 – All expenses to be reimbursed. There will be no Net County Cost.

Project 2 – Partial (50% - grant maximum) expenses to be reimbursed. Potential additional revenue to the County of up to $9,500. Line items budgeted for FY 07/08 includes WMA project expenses of $19,000 and revenues of $6,000. The budgeted Net County Cost is $13,000. Net County Cost may be reduced to $3,500.

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	Project 3 – All expenses to be reimbursed. There will be no Net County Cost. **Project 4** – All expenses to be reimbursed. There will be no Net County Cost.
LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:	
	Economic Well Being - Yellow Starthistle proliferation is a serious threat to the biodiversity and the productive potential of Tulare County and California's rangelands. YST colonizes susceptible habitats including several thousand acres of Tulare County foothill range reducing the grazing and habitat value.
ALTERNATIVES:	
	The Board could choose to not approve this grant. County and Landowners bear the full cost. Projects are not completed.

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INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

Weed Area Management Early Detection, Eradication and Containment cooperating partners are:

WMA Structure and Partners:

This proposal includes the Tulare County Noxious Weed Task Force (WMA) and the Kings County Partnership against Weeds (KPAW).

Tulare County Noxious Weed Task Force Structure and Partners:

Tulare County Noxious Weed Task Force (TCWMA) began a noxious weed group in 2001. The group is lead by the University of California, Cooperative Extension, Tulare County and United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service. Active partners include:

- Tulare County Department of Agriculture
- California Department of Agriculture
- United States Forest Service
- UC Cooperative Extension Tulare County
- Bureau of Land Management
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Tulare County Resource Conservation District
- National Park Service
- US Geological Service
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- CA Department of Transportation
- Tulare County Cattlemen's Association
- Tulare County Farm Bureau

Kings Partnership Against Weeds (KPAW):

Kings Partnership Against Weeds began a noxious weed group in 2001. The group is lead by the Kings County Ag Dept. Active partners include:

- Kings County Department of Agriculture
- California Department of Food and Agriculture
- California Department of Transportation
- Kings County Public Works
- Bureau of Land Management
- Kings County Farm Bureau
- Kaweah Delta Irrigation District
- Corcoran Irrigation District
- Peoples Ditch Company
- Kings River Conservation District
- Last Chance Ditch Company
- Lakeside Irrigation and Water District
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

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	• J G Boswell Company

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Jim Sullins
Tulare County,
Cooperative Extension

Cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment A – CDFA Agreement Number 07-0709 –
Tulare County WMA Early Detection, Eradication and Containment Projects 2007-2009

Attachment B – Grant Management Statement

Attachment C – Auditors Budget Adjustment form AUD 308

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

IN THE MATTER OF TULARE COUNTY)	**RESOLUTION NO. _____**
WEED MANAGEMENT AREA PROJECT)	**AGREEMENT NO. _____**
GRANT FUNDING FOR PROJECT)	
YEARS 2008 AND 2009)	

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: JEAN ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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cdfa CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE
A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

March 5, 2008

Jim Sullins
County of Tulare
UC Cooperative Extension
4437-B S. Laspina Street
Tulare, CA 93274

Agreement Number: **07-0709**

In regard to the enclosed Standard Agreement, please complete the following item(s) and return to the above address as required. This Agreement cannot be considered binding on either party until fully executed and approved by the Department of General Services, when required. No services should be provided prior to approval, as the State is not obligated to make any payments on any agreement prior to final approval. If you have any questions regarding this Agreement, please contact the analyst identified below.

☒ Standard Interagency Agreement (STD 213) with attached exhibits. Please have the person within your organization, who has full authority to commit to all of the contents of this agreement, review and sign the first page and additional single page of the Standard Agreement package. **Return ALL originals** to this office. Once the contract is finalized (see above paragraph), the agreement is considered fully executed and an original will be mailed to you.

☐ Amendment to the above referenced Standard Agreement. Sign both copies and return both originals for further processing. A fully executed original will be returned to you when completed.

☒ Contractor Certification Clauses (CCC - 307). The CCC package contains clauses and conditions that may apply to your agreement and to persons doing business with the State of California. The CCC will be kept on file in this office and must be renewed with every contract and as changes occur. Please sign and return the current CCC. Failure to do so will prohibit the State of California from doing business with your company.

☐ A copy of your insurance certification which states coverage will not be canceled without 30 days written notice to the State of California and which also includes the State of California, its officers, agents and employees as additional insureds.

☐ The attached Agreement is signed on behalf of the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Continue processing and when approved, return the original to this office.

☒ A copy of the resolution, order or motion authorizing execution of this Agreement must be included.

☐ Initial all changes on the enclosed Agreement and return the same for further processing.

☒ Other: CIWMB 74C – Recycled-Content Certification

Carrie James (916) 651-1358 Carrie James
Contracts Office
Departmental Services Branch
1220 N Street, Room 115
Sacramento, CA 95814

County of Tulare Budget Adjustment Form 11:13 AM

April 1, 2008		10/2008	2007/2008
Date	Doc ID	APRD fm fm fy fy	Budget F/Y yy

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	Bob Hamlin	685-3309	208
Agency Name	Contact Person	Phone	Ext

Action** A,C,D	Fund	Dept		APPR #				Current Amount	Revised Amount	Inc / Dec Amt
C	**001**	**055**		**0552**			**LEVEL 1 Finish Here**	**53,184**	**71,189**	**18,005**
							Appropriation Totals			-
							This level may not			-
							balance due to			-
							revenue lines posted			-
							in level 2 below.			-
										-
										-
Appropriations Total								**53,184**	**71,189**	**18,005**

Action** A,C,D	Fund	Dept	Unit	Appr #	Object	Rev	**LEVEL 2 Start Here**	Current Amt	Revised Amount	Inc / Dec Amt
C	**001**	**055**	**1055**	**0552**	**2206**		**Line Totals**	**8,300**	**26,305**	**18,005**
A	**001**	**055**	**1055**			**5413**			**18,005**	**(18,005)**
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Each fund must balance							Total Inc/Dec must be zero	**$ 8,300**	**$ 44,310**	**$ -**

Reason for Adjustment (To Avoid Correspondence, State Reason in Detail) Perform a SMART BUDGET ROLL-UP before VALIDATING.

The above adjustments are to accommodate additional revenues and expenses from executing a grant agreement between the California Department of Food & Agriculture and Tulare County Cooperative Extension

First Departmet Signature

Second Department Signature

Auditor and CAO Use Only

Checked By:_____

County Executive Office Action: No._____ Date:_____

( ) Approved ( ) Disapproved

By:_____

Board of Supervisors Action: No._____ Date:_____

Auditor Use Only

Entered By:_____

Date:_____

Distribution: 1: BOS/CAO/Auditor

**** Action Codes: A=Add, C=Change, D=Deactivate**

*** Whenever a 33XX account budget is adjusted, a corresponding 67XX account revenue budget must be adjusted in the billing agency.**

*** Whenever a 35XX account budget is adjusted, a corresponding 68XX account revenue budget must be adjusted in the billing agency.**

*** Whenever a 36XX account budget is adjusted, a corresponding 39XX account revenue budget must be adjusted in the billing agency.**

AUD 308 (Revised 04/04/07)

Attachment _____

Tulare County Administrative Office

Grant Management Statement

Department:	Cooperative Extension				
Grant Project Title and Description:					
Tulare County Weed Management Area Early Detectin, Eradication and Containment Projects 2007-2009					
Funding Agency:	**Program:** (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)			**Grant Acceptance Deadline:**	
California Department of Food & Agriculture	Agreement Number 07-0709			Not stated	
Total Amount of Grant Funding:	$60,969.04	**County Match:**	$77,413 in kind from four cooperators		
Grant Period:	January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009	**Begin Date:**	Feb. 2008 (est.)	**End Date:**	**June 2009** (est.)
Number of Personnel to be hired under his Grant:	1	**Full Time:**	**0**	**Part Time:**	**1**

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	**Yes**	☒	**No**	☐
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	**Yes**	☐	**No**	☒

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:
Discontinue the program if no other funding source is determined.

a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	**Yes**	☐	**No**	☒
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below) CDFA Tulare County Local participants	**Yes**	☒	**No**	☐
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	**Yes**	☒	**No**	☐

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

None - flex space is available as needed (seasonal)

Other requirements not mentioned above:

Possible need for long term vehicle rental as budgeted - currently utilizing department vehicle due for retirement/surplus.