



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 8/22/2023

File #: 23-1128

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Agricultural Commissioner

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: 4/5th

SUBJECT:

Approval of Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0446-000-SA, Nursery Inspection and Enforcement Program Contract in the amount of \$3,348.00 (4/5th Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Standard Agreement No. 23-0446-000-SA, known as the Nursery Inspection and Enforcement Program contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) in the amount of \$3,348.00;
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the original agreement, and direct the Clerk of the Board to return all signed copies to the Agricultural Commissioner's office for further processing; and
3. Grant a waiver from the provisions of the Nuclear Free Ordinance (4/5th Vote Required).

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), 1100-261

DISCUSSION:

The Agricultural Commissioner's office receives annual subventions from CDFA to offset the local cost of enforcing certain state-mandated programs. Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0446-000-SA provides funding for Humboldt County's Nursery Inspection and Enforcement Program for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The Agriculture Department enforces laws and regulations pertaining to the production and sales of nursery stock, including but not limited to licensing requirements and nursery stock cleanliness standards. The County Nursery Inspection and Enforcement Program is conducted in accordance with the state-county Nursery Inspection Program Memorandum of Understanding between CDFA and the California Agricultural Commissioner's and Sealer's Association. The amount reimbursable under this agreement shall not exceed \$3,348.00 based on 126.98 reimbursable acres as reported by Humboldt County. County inspections are reimbursed on a per acre basis for inspection and enforcement activities at a rate of \$26.36 per acre.

In Humboldt County, there are 42 licensed production nurseries and 38 retail and incidental retailers of nursery products. Humboldt County nurseries produce a wide range of plant products the most important being cut flowers and reforestation conifers.

The waiver from the provisions of the Nuclear Free Ordinance is requested since the State of California will not modify its cooperative agreements to accommodate local ordinances.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (1100, 261)	FY23-24	FY24-25 Projected	FY25-26 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	\$3,348.00		
Total Expenditures	\$3,348.00		
Funding Sources (1100, 261)	FY23-24 Adopted	FY24-25 Projected*	FY25-26 Projected*
State/Federal Funds	\$3,348		
Total Funding Sources	\$3,348		

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0446-000-SA provides \$3,348.00 for the Humboldt County Nursery Inspection and Enforcement Program in fiscal year (FY) 2023-24. Payment is made in arrears to Humboldt County based on monthly invoices and upon meeting specific contractual requirements. The Department’s revenue and expenditure accounts were previously funded in anticipation of this agreement therefore no supplemental budget accompanies this request.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:

There is no staffing impact as the inspections and enforcement activities are regular staff duties.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports the following areas of your Board’s Strategic Framework.

Core Roles: Enforce laws and regulations to protect residents

New Initiatives: N/A

Strategic Plan: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

CDFA

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Board could choose not to approve the attached agreement. However, this is not recommended as it would prevent the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office from receiving reimbursement for these activities.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0446-000-SA

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: D-1

Meeting of: 9-22-22

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