COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 8/13/2024

File #: 24-1187

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Agricultural Commissioner

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:
Approval of new Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0529-011-SF, Known as the Pierce's Disease Control Program Contract in the Amount of $9,319.38

RECOMMENDATION(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve new Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0529-011-SF known as the Pierce's Disease Control Program contract between Humboldt County and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA);
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the original agreement and direct the Clerk of the Board to return all copies to the Agricultural Commissioner's office for further processing; and
3. Grant a waiver from the provisions of the Nuclear Free Ordinance.

STRATEGIC PLAN:
This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other
Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:
The Pierce's Disease Control Program (PDCP) contract funds trapping and survey activities that are intended to protect Humboldt County's viticulture industry from a serious disease known as Pierce's Disease. Pierce's Disease is caused by the bacterium *Xylella fastidiosa* and is spread by the Glassy-Winged Sharphoooter (GWSS). In addition to grapes, GWSS infests many species of ornamental plants and nursery stock. To prevent the spread of Pierce's Disease to Humboldt County, the PDCP division of CDFA monitors nursery stock and other plant product shipments into the county from areas under quarantine for GWSS. Agriculture Department staff place and inspect GWSS yellow panel traps at nurseries receiving shipments. Traps are also placed in residential areas where host species of ornamental plants are present.

The waiver from the provisions of the Nuclear Free Ordinance is requested because the State of California will not modify its "cooperative agreements" to accommodate local ordinances. The Agricultural Commissioner's office receives annual funding from CDFA to off-set local costs associated with implementing mandated state programs at the County level. This agreement comes before your Board after the start date due to delays in the contract process with the state.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:
California Department of Food and Agriculture, 1100-261-525736

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (1100, 261)	**FY24-25 Projected***	**FY25-26 Projected***
Budgeted Expenses	$9,319.38	$9,319.38
Additional Appropriation Requested		
Total Expenditures	$9,319.38	$9,319.38

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

Funding Sources (1100, 261)	**FY24-25 Projected***	**FY25-26 Projected***
General Fund		
State/Federal Funds	$9,319,38	$9,319.38
Total Funding Sources	$9,319.38	$9,319.38

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Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:
All costs for the Pierce's Disease Control Program for personnel, mileage and supplies will be reimbursed by the contract. Standard Agreement No. 23-0529-011-SF provides $9,319.38 for Agriculture Department activities related to the Pierce's Disease Control Program for fiscal year (FY) 2024-25. Costs are billed to CDFA monthly and payment is made in arrears to Humboldt County. The department's revenue and expenditure accounts were included in the FY 2024-25 budget in Fund 1100, Budget Unit 261 - Agricultural Commissioner in anticipation of this agreement therefore no supplemental budget accompanies this request.

STAFFING IMPACT:
There is no impact to staff as the monitoring program is part of staff's current responsibilities.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:
N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:
The Board may choose not to approve the agreement. However, this is not recommended as the revenue is used to reimburse county costs for the Pierce's Disease Control Program.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0529-011-SF

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:
Meeting of: July 12, 2022
File No.: 22-880