COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 10/22/2024

File #: 24-1421

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Agricultural Commissioner

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:
Approval of Standard Agreement No. 24-0507-000-SG, known as the High-Risk Pest Exclusion Program Contract in the Amount of $25,241.84

RECOMMENDATION(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Standard Agreement No. 24-0507-000-SG, known as the High-Risk Pest Exclusion Program contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) in the amount of $25,241.84;
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the original agreement and direct the Clerk of the Board to return all copies to the Agriculture Department for further processing; and
3. Grant a waiver from the provisions of the Nuclear-Free Ordinance given that the contract provides no direct conflict with the intent 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 waiver from the provisions of the Nuclear-Free Ordinance is requested because the State of California will not modify its "standard agreements" to accommodate local ordinances.

The Agricultural Commissioner's Office receives annual subventions from CDFA to offset the local cost of enforcing certain state-mandated programs. The county High-Risk Pest Exclusion program is intended to prevent or limit the spread of harmful or invasive plant diseases or insect pests. Humboldt County Department of Agriculture staff conduct inspections of high-risk plant material at parcel terminals (United Parcel Service and Federal Express), air freight forwarding facilities and nursery stock from certain states known to be associated with spreading pests. Under authority of the California Food and Agriculture Code (Sections 2282.5, 6303, 6401 and 6403), agriculture department staff conduct inspections of plant products for live pests and profile plant shipment invoices to verify compliance with state quarantine requirements. County high-risk inspections are one local component of the state-wide CDFA Pest Exclusion Program that inspects shipments of plant products at ports, airports, border inspection stations and other commercial or public points of entry to California. When necessary CDFA advises and coordinates state, federal and county personnel in response to confirmed or potential pest introductions to prevent or limit infestations of known serious agricultural or environmental pests. The types of plant products inspected by county staff include nursery stock, fruits, vegetables, cut flowers and animals shipped for the pet trade. Plant shipments found to be out of compliance or infested with pests are rejected and then either

returned to the owner, held pending proof of quarantine compliance, or destroyed.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:
California Department of Food and Agriculture (1100-261-525735)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (1100, 261)	**FY24-25**	**FY25-26 Projected***
Budgeted Expenses	$25,241.84	$25,000
Total Expenditures	$25,241.84	$25,000

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

Funding Sources (1100, 261)	**FY24-25**	**FY25-26 Projected***
State/Federal Funds	$25,241.84	$25,000
Total Funding Sources	$25,241.84	$25,000

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Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:
Approval of standard agreement No. 24-0507-000-SG will allow the Agricultural Commissioner to be reimbursed $25,241.84 for High -Risk Pest Exclusion activities from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. Payments to Humboldt County are made in arrears and based on monthly invoices and upon meeting contractual requirements. Revenue and expenditure accounts for FY 2024-25 were previously budgeted in anticipation of this agreement in Fund 1100, Budget Unit 261 - Agricultural Commissioner, therefore no supplemental budget accompanies this request.

STAFFING IMPACT:
There is no impact to staffing.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:
N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:
The Board may choose not to approve the state agreement. However, that is not recommended as the county is reimbursed for costs associated with conducting state mandated pest exclusion activities.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Standard Agreement No. 24-0507-000-SG

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:
Meeting of: October 24, 2023
File No.: 23-1396