



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 1.2

MEETING DATE: 06/24/2025

DEPARTMENT: AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Lisa Zavala

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Ken Griffin

SUBJECT:

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER - K. GRIFFIN, ACTING AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

Approve the amended Noxious Weed Program Agreement #23-0302-000-SA, to extend invasive weed control and eradication activities, extend the expiration date from June 30, 2025, to December 31, 2027, with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), increase amount by \$55,190.30 for a new total not to exceed \$97,610.13, and authorize the Agricultural Commissioner to sign the contract.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 1.1

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

On January 12, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved a grant with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to perform invasive weed control and eradication activities. This contract will extend the current contract one additional year at the same funding level. The extension will provide funding to continue to target treatment of purple star thistle and other noxious weeds identified in key areas that threaten agriculture and sensitive species. Efforts include post treatment survey and progress mapping. Project will note any improvements to native grasses and will survey for any additional outlying infestations. Two distinct populations of PST occur in San Benito County agricultural lands: San Juan Canyon (75 acres), and Tres Pinos Creek (Scattered individuals along a 4-mile stretch of creek). This project will use an integrated pest management approach, combining herbicide for areas proposed for initial treatment and hand removal in sites where initial treatment has been completed and follow-up treatment is required. The San Benito County Agricultural Commissioner's office will be the lead on this project as a whole but will work closely with the county and private ranchers to implement this project. The anticipated revenue has been budgeted in the Agricultural Commissioner's Budget for FY 23/24, FY 24/25, FY 25/26 and will be included in the budget for subsequent years.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

With over 20 years of grant funding with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) the Noxious Weed Program supports several components of San Benito County’s strategic plan goals. The project incorporates technology for mapping both locations of Noxious Weeds and sensitive sites. This allows for better survey and monitoring. Targeted applications protect the environment while strengthening effort. By controlling Noxious Weeds, we improve the open spaces that allow productive agriculture and recreational activities that enhance the quality of life for the community and visitors. All of this is accomplished with the help of public and private partnerships.

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

\$42,419.83

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

The original agreement was approved by the board on September 12, 2023, in the amount of \$42,419.83 for extending invasive weed control and eradication activities, for the term July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Non-general Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

No

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

101.60.1250.1000.550.513

CURRENT FY COST:

\$9,735.08 (Revenue)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Amendment to Noxious Weed Program 23-0302-000-SA](#)