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Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Item Number: 1.2

MEETING DATE: 10/28/2025

DEPARTMENT: AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Ken Griffin

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Ken Griffin

SUBJECT:

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER - K. GRIFFIN ACTING AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

1. Approve the Weed Management Area's Noxious Weed Program Agreement #25-0493-000-SG for invasive and noxious weed control and eradication activities from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), for a total not to exceed \$119,999.33, and
 2. Authorize the Board Chair, County Administrative Officer, or designee to sign the contract. Agreement retroactive to July 1, 2025, due to the Weed Management Area's Noxious Weed Program Agreement FY 25/26 being received on 8/19/2025.
- SBC FILE NUMBER: 1.1

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The County's Weed Management Area group (WMA) and the Department of Agriculture have contracted with CDFA for numerous years on weed control efforts. The contract will provide funding to continue to target treatment of purple star thistle (PST) and other Noxious weeds identified in key areas that threaten lands 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. To mention one target species, two distinct populations of PST occur in San Benito County agricultural lands: San Juan Canyon area (35 acres), Tres Pinos Creek, and San Benito River (Scattered individuals along approximately 14-miles of creek) and lands near to them. This project will use a sustainable pest management approach, combining most effective methods for areas initial treatment and hand removal in sites where initial treatment has been completed and follow-up treatment is needed. The County Agricultural Commissioner's office will be the lead on this project as a whole but will work closely with

county, state, federal, local partners and private landowners to implement this project. The anticipated revenue has been budgeted in the Agricultural Commissioner's budget for FY 25/26 and will be included in the budget for subsequent years FY 26/27, FY 27/28.

The Contract was received from CDFA on August 9th, 2025. Work on this project began July 1, 2025. This contract is on a reimbursement agreement basis.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No impact to the General Fund. All activities performed are subvented through the agreement, including 25% administration fee on each invoice.

Contract History:

July 1, 2023-December 31, 2027, (Contract 23-0302-000- SA). \$97,610 total. \$21,500 per FY.

July 1, 2021-December 31, 2022, (Contract 21-0282-000). \$32,000 total.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Agenda Fact Sheet - Weed Abatement](#)

[Contract Weed Management Agreement #24-0493-000-SG](#)