



# County of El Dorado

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## Legislation Text

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Agriculture, Weights & Measures Department recommending Chairman be authorized to sign the First Amendment to Agreement 709-SO711 with Thomas Amesbury dba Forester's Co-Op in an amended amount not to exceed \$182,167 to update the Projects for a term ending June 30, 2009 for specialty weed abatement, control and eradication.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve.

**FUNDING:** California Department of Food and Agriculture.

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$97,167
Funding		
Budgeted	\$ 97,167	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$	
Change To Net County Cost		\$ 0.00

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: Appropriations were included in FY 07/08 and FY 08/09 budget years with funding provided by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, with an additional \$10,010 being awarded to the department to be used by June 30, 2008. FY 08/09 appropriations include funding of \$61,497 and new funding of \$25,660 also through the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Background: The Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures has been proactively involved in intensive invasive weed survey and eradication projects as state monies have become available. This contract encompasses three control projects in El Dorado County. The first project will enable the department to continue eradication efforts of Yellow Starthistle along the Highway 50 corridor with a follow up Phase in the FY 07/08 Budget year. This portion of the project is designed to keep Yellow Starthistle from migrating into the environmentally sensitive Sierra Nevada Mountains.

The second project is designed to treat and survey Spotted Knapweed in the Cleveland Fire area with a follow up Phase in FY 07/08. This project portion is a continuation of our previous efforts to eradicate this invasive weed population before it produces a monoculture consisting of hundreds of acres. The third project will continue a comprehensive weed management plan for protecting the sensitive Lake Tahoe Basin environment through survey, treatment and mapping for "A" rated

Noxious Weeds.

The ultimate goal of these projects is to find and eradicate small, pioneer infestations of noxious weeds in El Dorado County while still economically feasible to do so. The Contract Company is an expertly trained Natural Resource - Geographic Information Services (GIS) company. This company provides the specialized skills, state pesticide licensing, workers compensation coverage and equipment necessary to survey, map, and treat noxious weed populations at specific locations in El Dorado County in an economic and efficient manner while allowing department staff to continue other noxious weed projects that require simultaneous treatment.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

1. Upon execution by the Chair, the Board Clerks office will forward copies of the First Amendment to the Agricultural Department for distribution, encumbrance, and administration.

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Concurrences: