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Legislation Text

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Agriculture, Weights and Measures Department recommending the Board authorize the Agricultural Commissioner, on behalf of the Alpine/Upper Carson Weed Management Group, El Dorado County Invasive Weed Management Group, and the Lake Tahoe Basin Weed Coordinating Group, to apply for three separate grants to fund projects for the prevention, early detection and eradication of noxious weed populations in El Dorado and Alpine counties and the Tahoe Basin through the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve.

FUNDING: California Department of Food and Agriculture Grant.

Background:

The Agriculture Department currently manages all invasive weed work in Alpine and El Dorado counties. In California, the Department shares responsibility of the Lake Tahoe Basin area with Placer County. The Lake Tahoe Basin grant application will be submitted as a bi-county grant. CDFA is requesting proposals from Weed Management Areas (WMA's) to implement and/or continue noxious weed control projects in California. Weed Management Groups consist of numerous public and private entities that are involved in intensive noxious weed population survey and eradication projects. The available funding is intended to facilitate the cooperative efforts for the prevention, early detection, and eradication of noxious weed populations.

The term of each grant would provide funding beginning in FY 2006-07 and extending into FY 2008/2009. Grant funded projects will be managed in conjunction with work already scheduled to be completed in those budget years. The Department will request funding for all three years, with actual start date of contracts being 01/01/07.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost:

If successful, these grants will provide funding up to \$100,000 over a two year period for each Weed Management Group. There is no change to the Department's net county cost.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

Department to prepare and submit application and all supporting documentation to CDFA on behalf of each of the Weed Management Groups listed above; Department to return to Board for approval, Budget Transfers and signature authority for Grant Agreements if awarded.

