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Legislation Text

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Agriculture, Weights and Measures Department recommending the Agricultural Commissioner be authorized to execute revenue generating contracts on behalf of the County; said standard boilerplate agreements are developed by the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation approved by County Counsel, Risk Management and Human Resources, noting this would ensure that Agreements are in place as soon as possible for these state mandated programs.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve.

FUNDING: State of California.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: No change.

Background: The Department of Agriculture receives revenue generating contracts for mandated state programs to offset the cost of the programs from the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. Examples of these types of standard contracts for the mandated department programs are: Pest Detection, Pest Eradication, Pest Management, Pest Exclusion, Pesticide Use Enforcement, Seed, Nursery, and Fruit Nuts & Vegetable Inspection, Weighmaster and Petroleum Inspection. The Department is responsible for enforcing laws and regulations from the California Food and Agricultural Code, the Business and Professions Code, the Health & Safety Code, the Government Code, and the California Code of Regulation.

Reason for Recommendation:

The Department recommends the use of the State boilerplate agreements in order to ensure compliance with County Charter, Ordinance and Procurement Policy requirements and to facilitate payment for the mandated agricultural programs. These agreements define the role and responsibilities of the department to receive payment which has been routinely approved by County Counsel, Risk Management and Human Resources. The Department recommends that authority to sign the standard agreements be delegated to the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures to ensure that agreements are in place as soon as possible for these state mandated programs.

The Purchasing Agent will require the Department of Agriculture to retain all standard agreements executed by the Department and will not assign County numbers to these agreements.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

Board Clerk to provide the Department of Agriculture a certified Master Report.

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