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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 23, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Chris de Nijs, Agricultural Commissioner**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving a revenue contract, Cooperative Agreement No. 25-0384-000-SA, with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for \$120,000 for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028; and approving a subrecipient reimbursement agreement with Placer County in the amount of \$60,000; and authorizing the Nevada County Agricultural Commissioner to execute the agreements and all additional documents associated with these agreements on behalf of the County of Nevada; and amending the Agricultural Services budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 (4/5 affirmative vote required).

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: This CDFA grant award is a cooperative agreement with Placer County for a total \$120,000 award over three fiscal years starting in Fiscal Year 2025/26 and ending in Fiscal Year 2027/28. As the primary recipient, Nevada County will receive all funds and reimburse Placer County per the Reimbursement Agreement for a total not to exceed \$60,000 or \$20,000 per fiscal year. Nevada County's award is equal at a total of \$60,000 or \$20,000 each year. A budget amendment is requested to reimburse Placer County for the first year for \$20,000. There is no effect on General Fund.

BACKGROUND: The Nevada County Agricultural Commissioner is requesting Board approval of a resolution authorizing the County Agricultural Commissioner to execute Cooperative Agreement (No. 25-0384-000-SA) with the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), for noxious and invasive weed management activities as well as to enter into a reimbursement agreement with Placer County. This action will allow Nevada County to serve as the primary recipient of grant funding awarded to the Nevada-Placer Weed Management Area (WMA) and ensure both counties are reimbursed for their respective weed management activities.

County Agricultural Commissioners throughout California have long been responsible for the management of noxious and invasive weeds within their jurisdictions. In 2002, the Commissioners from Nevada and Placer Counties partnered to form the Nevada-Placer WMA, a voluntary coalition of stakeholders and land managers dedicated to coordinating efforts to prevent and control noxious and invasive weeds. The CDFA has awarded funding to support the work of the WMA, which will reimburse both the Nevada County and Placer County Departments of Agriculture for eligible weed

control efforts. Because only one entity can be designated as the primary recipient of these funds, Nevada County has agreed to serve in that role. Approval of this resolution will authorize execution of the necessary reimbursement agreement with Placer County to distribute funding appropriately.

Under the Cooperative Agreement, weed control activities will target species identified in the California Code of Regulations, with emphasis on those included on the Nevada-Placer WMA Priority Invasive Plant List. Nevada County Agriculture Department staff will conduct site mapping and implement treatments using an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategy, which emphasizes long-term prevention and control, accurate pest identification, and the integration of multiple management practices, such as mechanical and physical methods. Herbicides will be used only when necessary and applied in a manner that minimizes potential impacts to human health and the environment. All applications will be performed by properly trained staff and carried out in accordance with site-specific conditions and applicable laws and regulations.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Agricultural Commissioner will file a Notice of Exemption with the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder within the required timeframe.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Chris de Nijs, Agricultural Commissioner

Submittal Date: Sept 4, 2025

Revision Date: