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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 23, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

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

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the Cooperative Agreement No. 19-1022-000-SG between the County of Nevada and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for costs incurred in controlling invasive and noxious weeds for the period May 01, 2020 through December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: This is a revenue contract impacting the Agricultural Commissioner's Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 and Fiscal Year 2021/22.

BACKGROUND: This project will target invasive and noxious weeds throughout Nevada County. Targeted weed species are limited to those defined within the Title 3, section 4500 of the California Code of Regulations. Special focus will be on weed species that are listed in the Nevada-Placer Weed Management Area's Priority Invasive Plant List and have been historically treated by the Department. Staff will map and treat sites as appropriate utilizing an Integrated Pest Management approach that will focus on long-term prevention, correct pest identification, and using combined management approaches such as mechanical and physical controls (e.g. weed wrenches, shovels, and loppers). Herbicides will only be used when needed and will be selected and applied in a way that will minimize harm to people and the environment. Herbicides will only be used by properly trained staff and applied in accordance with specific local conditions and those uses allowed by the product label.

The Nevada County Agricultural Commissioner's Office has a long-standing history of controlling invasive and noxious weeds throughout Nevada County. Staff currently spends much of the summer months controlling invasive and noxious weed infestations throughout the County. This agreement will reimburse the County for work that is already being performed by staff.

The Agricultural Commissioner will file a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption document with the County of Nevada County Clerk-Recorder within the required timeframe. The Board of Supervisors approval of this resolution is pursuant to the CEQA document attached to the resolution.

In addition to work performed by the Department, this agreement includes funding (\$4,500) to purchase an equipment trailer to safely transport a Utility Terrain Vehicle that was purchased by the Department early this year. As well as, funding (\$10,000) for a noxious weed booklet. This booklet is a collaboration between the Department and the Nevada County Resource Conservation District and will be printed and disseminated free of charge to Farmers, Ranchers, and the members of the public on how to properly identify invasive and noxious weeds so that they can reported to the Department.

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