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Chris de Nijs – Agricultural Commissioner

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 28, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

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

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing revenue Agreement No. 18-0369 with the California Department of Agriculture (CDFA) for the cannabis cultivation licensing compliance inspections pilot program related to the CalCannabis Licensing Division in the County of Nevada for the period of May 01, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: Funding is for Fiscal Year 2018/19 and Fiscal Year 2019/20 and is revenue from the CDFA for the Agricultural Commissioner budget. There is no impact to the General Fund.

BACKGROUND: This is a 1-year pilot program agreement between the CDFA's CalCannabis Licensing Division and the Nevada County Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

Under the pilot program, County Agricultural Commissioner Staff will perform inspections on behalf of CalCannabis' Licensing Division only at legally state licensed commercial cannabis cultivation sites within Nevada County. Staff will be inspecting for compliance with state laws and regulations pertaining to the cultivation of cannabis. Staff will also disseminate educational materials to cultivators providing guidance on complying with state laws and regulations. Staff will report their findings directly to CalCannabis' Licensing Division. Any, and all enforcement actions will be taken directly by the CalCannabis Division. CalCannabis will be responsible for providing county staff with proper training, inspection forms and documentation, as well as program support. The Agricultural Commissioner anticipates the ability to conduct these compliance inspections and educational outreach in conjunction with other legally state mandated inspections required of the Agricultural Commissioner, specifically in the areas of Weights and

Measures and Pesticide Use. The Agricultural Commissioner will be reimbursed by CDFA, \$400 for each CalCannabis inspection completed, up to a total of \$20,000.

Staff, including the Community Development Agency Director, Nevada County Building Director, Code Compliance Program Manager, and the Nevada County Agricultural Commissioner recently met with CalCannabis in person to discuss the terms of the pilot program as well as mutual objectives and concerns. CDFA and County Agricultural Commissioners have a long working history with each other, and as such, it is the desire of CDFA's CalCannabis Division to work closely with Agricultural Commissioners on this pilot program as well.

There are currently 15 other County Agricultural Commissioners part of this pilot program. This pilot program will not have a negative impact on current staffing or workload, nor require additional FTEs to complete. There is no penalty or liability for not completing the terms of the agreement and the agreement can be canceled anytime with cause. This agreement was reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

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

Submittal Date: May 9, 2019

Revised Date: