

## **COUNTY OF NEVADA** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**Board Agenda Memo** 

**MEETING DATE:** January 22, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris de Nijs, Agricultural Commissioner

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing execution of Agreement No. 18-0567-000-SG with

> the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for Fiscal Year 2018/19 to develop, implement, and report on activities associated with CDFA's "Bee Safe Program." Total contract amount not to exceed \$7,520.74 for the period November 15, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution.

**FUNDING:** This is new revenue funding for Fiscal Year 2018/19 and is received from the CDFA for the Agricultural Commissioner budget. There is no impact to the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:** CDFA has secured funding for three years, beginning in FY 2018/19, to develop and implement a program intended to protect pollinators, primarily the European honeybee (Apis melilifera), and the beekeeping industry, from negative impacts caused by theft, pests, lack of adequate forage, and exposure to pesticides. This program will be known as the "Bee Safe Program."

Under this contract, the CDFA will reimburse the Nevada County Agricultural Commissioner's Office for their efforts in developing, implementing, and reporting on activities associated with the Bee Safe Program. The County Agricultural Commissioner will conduct various outreach activities with stakeholders, develop best management practices, and conduct apiary compliance and monitoring inspections as described in the California Food and Agricultural Code.

This is a new contract between the County and CDFA. This contract is not expected to significantly increase the workload of staff.

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

Submittal Date: January 2, 2019

**Revision Date:**