

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** Agricultural Commissioner

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
April 20, 2004

**SUBJECT:** USDA Cooperative Agreement No. 04-8500-0652-CA Providing for Coachella Valley Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Treatments.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board approve USDA Cooperative Agreement No.04-8500-0652-CA in the amount of \$484,000 and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** Agricultural production in the Coachella Valley contributes an estimated \$1.4 billion to the local and regional economy. Among the rich and varied assortment of agricultural commodities produced in the Coachella Valley, table grapes alone represent approximately 24% of this economic contribution, with about 10,000 planted acres.

Unfortunately, Pierce's Disease, a bacterial disease that is fatal to grapevines, has been detected on a limited basis in Coachella Valley vineyards. The presence of Pierce's Disease, in combination with the growing incidence of an efficient insect vector called the Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter, present a serious threat to the continued viability of table grape farming in Riverside County.

This agreement represents the second year of federal funding and provides \$484,000 to reimburse participating pest control operators and growers for costs associated with the treatment of specific, high risk citrus groves. The Agricultural Commissioner will administer the reimbursements via a temporary "pass through" account established with the assistance of the Auditor Controller's Office.

This agreement was approved as to form by County Counsel.

*John Snyder*  
FOR **John Snyder, Agricultural Commissioner**  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Departmental Concurrence

**FINANCIAL DATA**

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$0	In Current Year Budget:	No
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$0	Budget Adjustment:	No
Annual Net County Cost:	\$0	For Fiscal Year:	2003/04

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE**

**County Executive Office Signature**

*Frank Pugh*

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.48-10/22/2002 | District: IV | Agenda Number:

**ATTACHMENTS FILED  
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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