

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

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FROM: Agricultural Commissioner

SUBMITTAL DATE:
February 15, 2005

SUBJECT: USDA Cooperative Agreement No. 05-8500-0652-CA Providing for Coachella Valley Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Treatments.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board approve USDA Cooperative Agreement No.05-8500-0652-CA in the amount of \$500,000 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 third year of federal funding and provides \$500,000 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
John Snyder, Agricultural Commissioner
 Sealer of Weights and Measures

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:	2004/05

SOURCE OF FUNDS: "Pass through" payments of Federal funding to participating pest control operators and growers	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

Christy J. Dupont

- Dept't Recomm.: Consent
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent
- Policy: Policy

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Departmental Concurrence