

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

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FROM: Agricultural Commissioner

SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 26, 2005

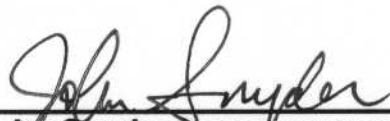
SUBJECT: Amendment to USDA Cooperative Agreement Providing for Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Treatments in the Coachella Valley.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board approve Revision No. 05-1 to USDA Cooperative Agreement No.05-8500-0652-CA in the amount of \$200,000 for a total award of \$700,000 and authorize the chairman to sign the revision to the agreement.

BACKGROUND: Agricultural production in the Coachella Valley contributes an estimated \$1.5 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 27% of this economic contribution, with about 10,500 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 revision provides an additional \$200,000 to the original agreement of \$500,000, for a total award of \$700,000 in federal funding, and will be used 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 revision was approved as to form by County Counsel.

Departmental Concurrence


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:	2005/2006

SOURCE OF FUNDS: United States Department of Agriculture	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30
	Requires 4/5 Vote

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

County Executive Office Signature



- Dept. Recomm.: Consent Policy Policy
- Per.Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.5 -02/15/2005 | **District:** IV | **Agenda Number:**

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

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