

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



FROM: Agricultural Commissioner's Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:
February 26, 2008

SUBJECT: USDA Cooperative Agreement No. 08-8500-0652-CA Providing for Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Treatments in the Coachella Valley.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board approve USDA Cooperative Agreement No.08-8500-0652-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 \$1.7 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 22% of this economic contribution, with about 10,300 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 fourth 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's Office 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, 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:	2007/2008

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:
Michael R. Shetler

County Executive Office Signature

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.5 -02/06/2007 | District: IV | Agenda Number:

ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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