

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



**ITEM: 3.3
(ID # 14465)**

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, March 02, 2021

FROM: AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER:

SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER: Authorization of Participation in the County Seed Enforcement Subvention Program for FY 2020/2021 and Ratification and Approval of the California Seed Law Memorandum of Understanding No. 20-sd33 with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, All Districts. [100% Funded by the California Department of Food and Agriculture]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the County of Riverside's participation in the County Seed Enforcement Subvention Program for FY 2020/2021.
2. Ratify and approve the California Seed Law Memorandum of Understanding No. 20-sd33 (MOU) with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for the County Seed Enforcement Subvention Program for the period of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021, and authorize the Agricultural Commissioner to sign the MOU on behalf of the County.
3. Authorize the Agricultural Commissioner, or his designee, to sign all certifications, assurances, reports, or other related documents required by CDFA for the above mentioned program.

ACTION: Policy


Delia Cioc, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner. 2/18/2021

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: March 2, 2021
xc: Agric. Comm, COB

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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**CALIFORNIA SEED LAW
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

County: Riverside

MOU Ref No: 20-sd33

As provided by section 52323 of the Food and Agricultural Code (FAC), this Memorandum of Understanding establishes an annual cooperative agreement for enforcement of the California Seed Law between the Agricultural Commissioner and the California Department of Agriculture (CDFA). Per section 52325, the Agricultural Commissioner agrees to maintain a compliance level on all seed in the county so that the statewide compliance is not less than eighty-five percent. This MOU includes the CACASA Seed Law Enhancement Program (SLEP), funded by Unclaimed Gas Tax, as approved by the Seed Advisory Board for FY20/21. The Agricultural Commissioner agrees to submit monthly reports of enforcement activities to CDFA so that CDFA can measure fulfillment of the terms of this MOU and monitor compliance to the seed law. Upon completion of the renewal cycle for firms obtaining authorization to sell seed, the Seed Services Program of CDFA will provide each Commissioner with a list of firms authorized to sell seed in their county. Each firm will be assigned units-of-activity for enforcement. Commissioners may request modification to the proposed units of activity and to the list of firms, or may simply accept the list. If new firms are discovered during the period of this MOU, the Commissioner may request that said firm(s) be added to the list and an appropriate number of units of activity for enforcement be assigned. Commissioners may not request additions to their list after April 15th of the fiscal year for which the MOU is intended.

The Commissioner may request reimbursement of expenses incurred from county staff participation at sampler training or California Seed Law training sponsored by the CDFA Seed Services Program. An invoice from the Commissioner for expenses incurred, including personnel costs, must be submitted to the CDFA Seed Services Program. These costs will be paid from the \$90,000 allocated for training from SLEP funds. All requests for reimbursement must be submitted as itemized invoices within 60 days of attendance at the training. Travel costs will be paid in accordance with the guidelines for travel expense claims in the requesting county.

The purchase of pre-approved seed sampling equipment will be reimbursed from the \$20,000 allocated for this purpose from SLEP funds. An invoice from the Commissioner for expenses incurred must be submitted to the CDFA Seed Services Program within 60 days of the equipment purchase.

Participation of county staff in seed complaint investigations will be reimbursed from the \$150,000 allocated for this purpose from SLEP funds. An invoice from the Commissioner for expenses incurred must be submitted to the CDFA Seed Services Program within 60 days of the completion of the investigation.

Upon successful completion of the terms of this MOU, (a) counties with no registered seed labelers may receive one hundred dollars (\$100) and (b) counties with registered seed labelers shall receive payments based upon their units of enforcement activity reported during the period of this MOU per section 52324. The rate of compensation per unit of activity shall be established by dividing the total statewide units of activity into \$120,000 minus the amount required for payments of \$100 to counties with no registered labelers. All counties conducting SLEP seed enforcement activities shall receive payments based on the reported inspection activities conducted during the period of this MOU, from the \$180,000 allocated for this program. **All enforcement activities must be reported by October 15th of the fiscal year following the stated period of this MOU.** If a county fails to submit a monthly report by October 15th of the year following the period of this MOU, CDFA will assume there were no enforcement activities to report for that month and will total the statewide units of enforcement activity (FAC 52324). **The Commissioner agrees that failure to submit monthly Report 6s by October 15th will affect the overall rate of compensation per unit of enforcement activity and will concomitantly affect the amount of proposed payment to the Commissioner's county.**

Once the rate per unit of activity has been determined, CDFA will send a summary of work completed and proposed payment to each county. The County Agricultural Commissioner or authorized Deputy Agricultural Commissioner must sign the proposed payment and return it to

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WHEN DOCUMENT IS FULLY EXECUTED RETURN

CLERK'S COPY

to Riverside County Clerk of the Board, Stop 1010

Post Office Box 1147, Riverside, Ca 92502-1147

Thank you.

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**CALIFORNIA SEED LAW
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

County: Riverside

MOU Ref No: 20-sd33

Secretary, or his/her representative
Department of Food and Agriculture

Agricultural Commissioner,
Riverside County

By _____

By _____

Date _____

Date _____

Additional endorsements/approvals if needed.

County of Riverside:

County of Riverside:

By _____

By _____

Date _____

Date _____

Title: _____

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Signed copies should be sent to:

California Dept. of Food and Agriculture
Attn: Brenda Lanini - Seed Services Program
1220 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
SeedServices@cdfa.ca.gov

Important: Do NOT send to CDFA Contracts. These are MOUs per statutory authority. They may get lost if you send them to CDFA Contracts.

Thank you

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: DANIELLE D. MALAND

20/21 PROPOSED PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Number of unique seed lots that must have labels evaluated* 33
Number of premises inspections to conduct* 15

Note: Your MOU for last year had:

42 unique labels to evaluate

13 premises to inspect

Payment for the proposed work will be made in FY 20-21 and will be calculated using the reported units of activity. A reduction in assigned or reported units of activity may result in a reduction in payment. For points of reference, your county was paid the following amounts for seed-law work in recent years.*

Payment for work in FY 16-17 was \$2,353.23 Payment for work in FY 18-19 was \$3,476.15

Payment for work in FY 17-18 was \$5,637.66 Payment for work in FY 19-20 was \$1,290.08

**Work performed in 19-20 will be tallied after Oct. 2020 and payment will be made in FY 20-21 per statute.*

FIRM = Facility registered to label and or sell seed, or a major distribution center.
TYPE = Types of seed operations are as follows:

Labeler - attaches label and offers seed for sale in California

Dealer - sells seed but does not attach his or her own label.

NE - nursery exempt. Authorized to sell seed under nursery license.