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

ITEM: 2.5
(ID # 19603)
MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, August 02, 2022

FROM : AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER:

SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER: Renewal of Local Emergency in Riverside County Due to the Discovery of Citrus Greening Disease, or Huanglongbing, All Districts. [$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. That the declaration relating to citrus greening disease, or huanglongbing adopted as Agenda Item 3.20 on August 29, 2017, Resolution Number 2017-196 be renewed.

ACTION:Consent

Delia Cioc
Delia Cioc, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner. 7/12/2022

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries 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:	August 2, 2022
xc:	Agric. Comm., COB

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			Budget Adjustment: N/A	
			For Fiscal Year: N/A	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On July 25, 2017, the presence of the bacterial agent that causes citrus greening disease, or huanglongbing (HLB) was confirmed from a tissue culture collected from a backyard grapefruit tree in the city of Riverside. HLB is a fatal disease of citrus trees and is spread through feeding action of the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP).

HLB originated in Asia and is considered the most devastating disease of citrus in the world. Symptoms of HLB include yellow shoots with mottling and chlorosis of the leaves, misshapen fruit that does not fully color and fruit that has a very bitter taste making it unfit for human consumption. The bacterium that causes the disease blocks the flow of nutrients within the tree, causing the tree to starve. There is no cure and trees infected with the disease will die.

This disease has nearly destroyed the citrus industry in Florida and Texas. In Florida, it is estimated that the presence of HLB has resulted in a loss of over $7 billion and 6,600 jobs over the last five years. Prior to the Riverside find, HLB was discovered in Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

The presence of ACP and now HLB in Riverside County presents a serious threat to our annual $187 million commercial citrus production as well as the tradition of backyard and landscape citrus plantings throughout the County. The history of Riverside County is rooted in citrus. The risks posed by the continued spread of ACP and HLB constitute a local emergency within Riverside County.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: Due to unique circumstances and unknown duration of the situation, request that renewal of this declaration be automatically submitted as an agenda item every 30 days until request to terminate is submitted by the Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

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Jason Farin, Principal Management Analyst 7/25/2022