

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



ITEM: 2.2  
(ID # 29976)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, March 03, 2026

**FROM :** AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT:** AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER: Renewal of the Local Emergency Declaration for Riverside County Due to the Spread of Pierce's Disease in the Local Vineyards, District 3. [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. That the declaration relating to Pierce's Disease adopted as Agenda Item 3.91 on August 10, 1999, Resolution Number 99-369 be renewed.

**ACTION:**Consent

Delia Cioc, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner. 2/19/2026

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Medina, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Perez, and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Washington  
Date: March 3, 2026  
xc: Agric. Comm., COB

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 25/26</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner's Office has reviewed the emergency conditions necessitating the declaration of August 10, 1999, and find that these conditions still exist. Government Code Section 8630 requires the Board to review the need for continuation of the local emergency every 30 days.

The Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, in collaboration with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), continues active efforts to slow the spread of the Glassy-winged sharpshooter and reduce the impact of Pierce's disease within Riverside County. Department staff maintain sustained field operations, including monitoring, inspections, regulatory enforcement, and treatment activities to protect local vineyards and the agricultural economy. These coordinated actions support ongoing disease control while broader state and federal strategies and research are advanced, and preserve the County's ability to recover eligible costs or seek reimbursement from the State. For additional information, please visit: [CDFA - Pierce's Disease Control Program](#)

**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**

Pierce's Disease is caused by the bacterium *Xylella fastidiosa* and transmitted by the glassy-winged sharpshooter, an insect that can kill grapevines. The disease severely impacted the Temecula Valley Wine Region beginning in 1999, where eradication is no longer considered feasible. However, the region has adapted by integrating disease-resistant rootstocks and implementing area-wide management programs, allowing local vineyards to thrive.

  
Crystal Carrillo, Senior Management Analyst      2/26/2026

Riverside County Resolution No. 99-369, adopted on August 10, 1999, declared a local state of emergency in response to the outbreak and spread of Pierce's Disease in local vineyards. Since then, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors has reviewed and renewed this declaration every 30 days, as required by Government Code Section 8630, because conditions related to the disease's presence still exist. This ongoing declaration ensures Riverside County remains eligible for state and federal funding to support pest and disease control efforts.

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Maintaining the emergency declaration continues to play a critical role in preventing the spread of the pest and disease to other major wine-producing areas in California—such as Napa and Sonoma—where historic, highly susceptible varieties are still grown.

There are currently no restrictions on planting grapevines in Riverside County. As with any crop, selecting region-specific or resistant varieties can improve yield and vitality. The Agricultural Commissioner's Office is available to assist prospective growers with information to make informed planting decisions.

To support these efforts, the office receives funding through California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) contracts, including:

- 24-0003-000-SA (Treatment Reimbursement for Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter control)
- 24-0469-022-SF (Nursery protection under CDFA's Pierce's Disease Control Program)

For more information, please visit: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/pdcp/>

You can email the Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner's Office at [AgDept@RIVCO.ORG](mailto:AgDept@RIVCO.ORG).