

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



ITEM: 2.7
(ID # 30634)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 09, 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.

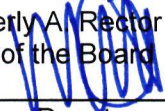
ACTION: Consent


Delia Cioc, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner. 5/27/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 9, 2026
xc: Agric. Comm., COB

Kimberly A. Rector
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: N/A			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 25/26	

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 60 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 5/28/2026

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.



Riverside County Board of Supervisors
Request to Speak

Submit request to the Clerk of the Board (right of podium), Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form. The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board.

SPEAKER'S NAME: Veronica Langworthy

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: 951-709-4210

Ag Commissioner

Date: June 9, 2026 Agenda # 2.6 + 2.7

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

X Support _____ Oppose _____ Neutral

Note: If you are here for an agenda item that is filed for "Appeal", please state separately your position on the appeal below:

_____ Support _____ Oppose _____ Neutral

I give my 3 minutes to: _____

Parking validations available for speakers only – see Clerk of the Board.

(Revised: 04/23/2025)

Thank you for agenda posting ^{online} of supporting documents and active links to be informed.

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Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" Items:

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board.

Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, ensuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please ensure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo. **Speakers are prohibited from bringing signs, placards, or posters into the hearing room.**

Individual Speaker Limits:

Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board. Please step up to the podium when the Chair calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chair adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. ***Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.***

Group/Organized Presentations:

Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chair's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the front bottom of the form.

Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chair:

The Chair will determine what order the speakers will address the Board and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chair may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.