RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2013-548

MEETING: December 10, 2013

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Cathi Boze, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

RE: Arundo Control Project Contract for Services Agreements with Dan Wice and California Reforestation

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the Contract for Services agreements with Dan Wice and California Reforestation for the implementation of the State and Private Forestry Grant Agreement No. 13-0346-SF with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for the 2013 - 2015 Mariposa County Arundo Control & Eradication Project, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreements.

This grant agreement continues work on the control and eradication of Arundo (or Giant Reed), an aggressive non-native perennial grass found in Mariposa Creek and Burns Creek in Hornitos, which invades streams, accelerates erosion, and threatens native plants, fish, and animals as well as wildlife habitat. This project will continue survey and control efforts in over 2 miles of Mariposa Creek from Highway 140/49 to Mormon Bar Crossing as well as Mariposa Town and 0.3 miles of Burns Creek using integrated weed management control methods.

Grant Agreement #SPF13-0346-SF for the implementation of the Arundo Control and Eradication Project with CDFA runs from 9/01/13 - 6/30/15 and is funded in the amount of $12,538. It is funded under a State and Private Forestry grant and requires a 75:25 non-Federal in-kind match at the time of invoicing.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The previous contracts which initiated these projects were approved by Resolutions No. 08-247 and No. 10-248.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Approving the Contract for Services Agreements will provide for implementation of the Arundo control & eradication project.
FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Revenue in the amount of $12,538 from the State and Private Forestry Grant with CDFA will provide funding and reimbursement for implementation of this project.

ATTACHMENTS:
2013-2015 Wice Arundo Project contract for services (2).doc (PDF)
2013-2015 California Reforestation Arundo Project contract for services (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier