RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-173

MEETING: April 14, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Cathi Boze, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

RE: FY 2015/2016 USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services Cooperative Agreement

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve Cooperative Service Agreement No. 15-73-06-0260-RA - the Annual Work and Financial Plan for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 with the United States Department of Agriculture/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service/Wildlife Services (USDA/APHIS/WS) and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

This is the Annual Work and Financial Plan for FY 2015/2016 for work performed in Mariposa County by the USDA/APHIS Wildlife Services Specialists. This year’s budget includes an increase of one percent or $679.97 from FY 2014/2015 due to a change to a rate structure based on direct cost recovery. The FY 2015/2016 request is $68,677.40.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The original Cooperative Service Agreement with USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services was entered into on January 1, 1989, for an Integrated Wildlife Damage Management program to protect residents, property, livestock, crops, and natural resources in Mariposa County from damage caused by predators and other nuisance wildlife.

Last year’s Cooperative Service Agreement was approved by Resolution No. 14-245 in the amount of $67,997.43.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
In the event that the Cooperative Service Agreement is not signed prior to July 1, 2015, USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services requires a "Letter of Intent" in order to ensure continued service beyond June 30, 2015.

Non-renewal of the Cooperative Service Agreement with USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services for Mariposa County will result in the end of service to the County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
The FY 2015/2016 agreement amount includes an increase of one percent or $679.97 from the FY 2014/2015 agreement and will be included in the FY 2015/2016 budget for the Agricultural Commissioner.
ATTACHMENTS:
Cover letter and USDA WS Agreement 15-73-06-0260-RA (PDF)
Mariposa Annual Summary Agricultural Commissioner (JULY 2013 - JUNE 2014) (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hoedson, CAO 4/7/2015

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVED: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier