RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-296

MEETING: June 26, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: CDFA Agreement No.14-001-003-SF

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve the State and Private Forestry Grant Agreement No. 14-0001-003-SF with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for the 2018 - 2019 Protecting Central Sierra Tree Mortality Hazard Zones from Top-Priority Invasive Plants Program; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign.

The goal of this project is to improve the forest health and invasive weed pests into the Sierra and Stanislaus National Forests and Yosemite National Park through the use of integrated weed management techniques. It further seeks to limit the introduction and spread of A- and B-rated weeds, as well as some C-rated weed species, onto non-infested areas of both public and private lands.

Invasive plants targeted by this effort are: Yellow star thistle, tocalote, diffuse and spotted knapweed, rush skeleton weed, Dalmatian toadflax, oblong spurge, French broom, Klamath weed, and stink wort. Integrated weed management techniques include detecting and rapidly responding to incipient infestations and eradicating previously identified infestations on non-federal forest land associated with tree mortality removal. This continues over 11 years of successful education, control, management, and eradication efforts.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
Previous State and Private Forestry grant agreements for invasive noxious weed control projects in the county such as the Arundo Control and Eradication Project have been approved and implemented in the past.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If the agreement is not approved, the project will not be implemented.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Revenue and expenditures are included in the FY 2018/2019 Agricultural Commissioner budget in the amount of $25,000.01 for the agreement.
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ATTACHMENTS:
CDFA Agreement  (PDF)

RESULT:  ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:  Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Miles Menetrey
EXCUSED:  Kevin Cann