



MARIPOSA COUNTY

Agricultural Commissioner · (209)966-2075



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-182

MEETING: April 19, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Cathi Boze, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

RE: FY 2016/2017 USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services Cooperative Agreement

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve Cooperative Service Agreement No. 16-73-06-0260-RA - the Annual Work and Financial Plan for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 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 2016/2017 for work performed in Mariposa County by the USDA/APHIS Wildlife Services Specialists. This year's budget includes an increase of one percent or \$686.60 from FY 2015/2016 due to a change to a rate structure based on direct cost recovery. The FY 2016/2017 request is \$69,364.

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. 15-173 in the amount of \$68,677.40.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

In the event that the Cooperative Service Agreement is not signed prior to July 1, 2016, USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services requires a "Letter of Intent" in order to ensure continued service beyond June 30, 2016.

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 2016/2017 agreement amount includes an increase of one percent or \$686.60 from the FY 2015/2016 agreement and will be included in the FY 2016/2017 budget for the Agricultural Commissioner.

ATTACHMENTS:

Cover letter and USDA WS Agreement 16-73-06-0260-RA (PDF)
Mariposa Annual Summary Agricultural Commissioner (JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015)
(PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended


Mary Hodson, CAO 4/12/2016

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier

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WORK AND FINANCIAL PLAN
between
MARIPOSA COUNTY
and
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
WILDLIFE SERVICES (APHIS-WS)
for
July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Pursuant to Cooperative Service Agreement No. 14-73-06-0260-RA between the County of Mariposa and APHIS-WS, this Work Plan defines the objectives, plan of action, resources and budget for the maintenance of an Integrated Wildlife Damage Management (IWDM) program to protect residents, property, livestock, crops, and natural resources from damage caused by predators and other nuisance wildlife to be conducted from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

APHIS-WS is a federal agency with a broad mission that includes carrying out wildlife damage management activities. In recent years, USDA-APHIS has maintained an effective IWDM program to resolve conflicts with wildlife throughout the County. APHIS-WS is available and qualified to conduct the wildlife damage management services necessary to accomplish the County's goals.

I. OBJECTIVES/GOALS

Wildlife Services' overall goal is to maintain a biologically-sound IWDM program to assist property owners, businesses, private citizens, and governmental agencies in resolving wildlife damage problems and conduct control activities in accordance with applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations. Assistance may be in the form of providing technical assistance or direct control activities. Recommendations and control activities will emphasize long term solutions and incorporate the Integrated Wildlife Damage Management approach.

The scope of this program is limited only by the financial resources allocated by the cooperator and APHIS-WS. Although successful elimination of any specific threat is not guaranteed, all reasonable efforts will be made to resolve or mitigate human-wildlife conflicts within financial and regulatory constraints.

II. PLAN OF ACTION

To accomplish this goal, the following general field services will be provided: (1) technical assistance through demonstration and instruction of wildlife damage prevention and/or control techniques; (2) predator identification and removal when livestock, crop or natural resource damage is verified; (3) nuisance wildlife removal when property damage is identified; (4) removal of

IV. STIPULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

APHIS-WS activities under this cooperative effort will be limited to the State of California, County of Mariposa. Techniques will be environmentally sound, safe, and selective. If applicable, both Federal and State permits will be secured to perform wildlife damage management activities, and those activities will be conducted within the policy guidelines of APHIS-WS. All program activities will be conducted in compliance with Local, State, and Federal regulations.

In the absence of a finalized county budget, a letter of intent must be provided pending final budget approval. The cooperative Wildlife Services Program can't continue unless a mutual agreement is negotiated by July 1, 2016.

V. COST ESTIMATE FOR SERVICES

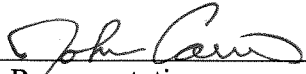
The cooperator will be billed quarterly by APHIS for actual costs incurred but will not exceed \$69,364.00 annually. An estimated itemization of expenses is listed below; however funds may be distributed between itemized categories at the discretion of APHIS-WS if required:

| FINANCIAL PLAN | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 07/01/16-06/30/17 | |
| SALARY & BENFITS | \$45,824.00 |
| VEHICLE: | \$5,455.00 |
| TRAVEL/PER DIEM: | \$546.00 |
| SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT: | \$2,728.00 |
| SUBTOTAL: | \$54,553.00 |
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| POOLED JOB COSTS: | \$6,001.00 |
| INDIRECT COSTS: | \$8,810.00 |
| PROJECT TOTAL: | \$69,364.00 |

In accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA) of 1996, bills issued by WS are due and payable within 30 days of receipt. The DCIA requires that all debts older than 120 days be forwarded to debt collection centers or commercial collection agencies for more aggressive action. Debtors have the option to verify, challenge and compromise claims, and have access to administrative appeals procedures which are both reasonable and protect the interests of the United States.

The financial point of contact for this Work Plan/Financial Plan is Krista Dupre', Budget Analyst, (916) 979-2675. This plan has been approved by the USDA APHIS WS Western Regional Office for use in the State of California for cost-share agreements.

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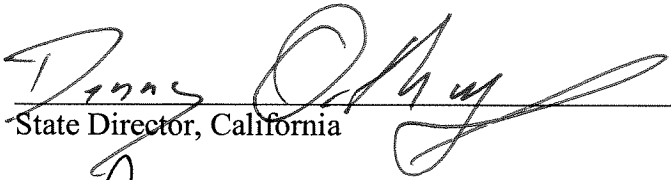
County Representative

4/19/16

Date

Title: Board Chair, John Carrier

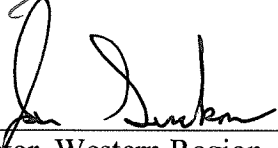
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
WILDLIFE SERVICES
Sacramento, California
Tax Identification Number: 41-0696271



State Director, California

4-28-16

Date




Director, Western Region

5/11/16

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



**STEVEN W. DAHLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL**