



# County of Santa Cruz

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November 3, 2000

Agenda: November 21, 2000

Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

### **Designate the Agricultural Commissioner as the Local Public Entity to Conduct a Glassy-winged Sharpshooter/Pierce's Disease Control Program**

Dear Members of the Board:

The State Legislature enacted legislation (SB671) in May declaring that the plant killing bacterium *Xyella fastidiosa*, which causes Pierce's disease, and its vectors (including the glassy-winged sharpshooter) present a threat to California's grape industry as well as to many other commodities and plant life. The Legislature appropriated funds to be used for costs incurred by state or local entities to combat Pierce's disease and its vectors. The legislation requires that before funds are allocated by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for local assistance regarding Pierce's disease and its vectors, the county's board of supervisors must designate a local public entity to conduct a glassy-winged sharpshooter/Pierce's disease control program approved by CDFA. Typically the County Agricultural Commissioner is the local public entity charged with controlling a serious pest of agriculture.

The Agricultural Commissioner has prepared a comprehensive **workplan** as required by CDFA to prevent the introduction and spread of the glassy-winged sharpshooter. The **workplan** addresses survey and detection, control and delimitation, enforcement mechanisms, local appeal process, and budget/fiscal requirements. Your **Board** has already approved an agreement with CDFA which provides for reimbursement for up to \$43,574 for the current fiscal year. If approved by CDFA, our **workplan** will provide for increased funding up to \$144,549. The additional funds will pay for increased survey and detection efforts in nurseries, vineyards, and urban areas, and the purchase of two vehicles for use in the survey work. A copy of the **workplan** has been filed with the Clerk of the Board.

If the **workplan** is approved by CDFA, we will return to your Board for approval of the contract and to accept unanticipated revenue.


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It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

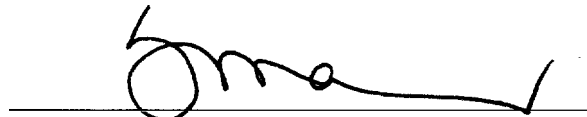
1. Designate the Agricultural Commissioner as the local public entity authorized to conduct a Pierce's disease control program in cooperation with CDFA.
2. Authorize the Agricultural Commissioner to submit a workplan to CDFA for a glassy-winged sharpshooter/Pierce's disease control program.

Sincerely,



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Approved:



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