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Agenda Date: February 27, 2001

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
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Authorize Limited Term Designation

Dear Members of the Board:

During budget hearings your Board approved two extra help Agricultural Biologist Aide positions in the Agricultural Commissioner's Budget Unit 103210 for FY2000-2001 to perform survey and inspection work in the state funded Pierce's Disease/Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter (PD/GWSS) program.

We believe the needs of our department in the PD/GWSS program are best met by changing the designation of these positions from extra help to limited term. The availability of benefits and step increases provides an incentive for individuals to return the following season. This allows us to hire experienced staff, which reduces training time and enhances the quality of the program. Finally, the peak inspection season for PD/GWSS spans two fiscal years, from March through October (eight months) and we can most easily meet the requirements of our contract with CDFA by use of limited term staff. We have discussed this change with Personnel, and they have no objection.

We receive reimbursement for the cost of these positions from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). The budget in the PD/GWSS workplan recently submitted to CDFA provides adequate funding for these two positions as limited term. Based on very recent conversations with CDFA, our PD/GWSS workplan will be approved as submitted and an amended contract with the additional funding will be sent to us by the end of the month.

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It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

Authorize changing the designation of two Agricultural Biologist Aide positions in the Agricultural Commissioner's Budget Unit 103210 from extra help to limited term.

Sincerely,



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Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures

Approved:



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cc. Personnel Department