



County of Santa Cruz

OFFICE OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

DAVID W. MOELLER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
DIRECTOR MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL

August 21, 2002

Agenda: September 10, 2002

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

Adopt Resolution Accepting Unanticipated Revenue for Weed Management Area

Dear Members of the Board:

In March of this year your Board approved a multi-year agreement (January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2004) between the Agricultural Commissioner and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) providing funding for our Weed Management Area.

Some of the work planned by Weed Management Area members to be completed during last fiscal year will be done during the current fiscal year. Because of this, CDFA recently approved a shift of funding from FY 2001-02 into FY 2002-03. During budget hearings, your board approved revenue of \$17,938 for FY 2002-03 from CDFA for the Weed Management Area. An additional amount of \$15,563 that was not spent last fiscal year is available for use during FY 2002-03. This brings the maximum total funding available for the current fiscal year to \$33,501.

To receive and use this revenue, it is necessary for your Board to adopt a resolution accepting and appropriating unanticipated revenue of \$15,563 for WMA projects to be conducted during the current fiscal year. The projects include continuation of removal of French broom and Pampas grass on the right-of-way along Highway 1 north of the Santa Cruz city limits, removal of English Ivy from Henry Cowell State park, control of weeds on the Coast Dairies Ranch near Davenport, and spiny cocklebur removal from rangeland on a Watsonville Ranch.

To provide you with additional information on our WMA projects, a quarterly report we prepared for CDFA is included with this letter (attachment 1).

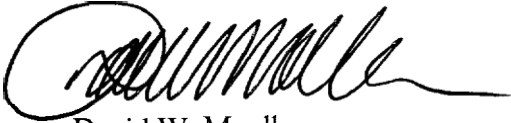
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It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

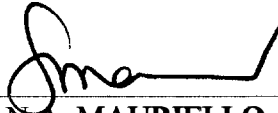
1. Adopt the attached resolution accepting and appropriating \$15,563 into Agricultural Commissioner Budget Unit 103210 for expenses related to Integrated Weed Management Plan activities in FY 2002-03.

Sincerely,



David W. Moeller
Agricultural commissioner

Approved:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Attachments:

- AUD60 Resolution
- ADM-29
- Attachment 1

Quarterly Progress Report to CDFA for Weed Management Area Projects in Santa Cruz County

Weed Management Area:	Santa Cruz County
Person(s) writing this progress report:	Mary Lou Nicoletti
Contract Number:	01-0567
Reporting Period:	April-June 2002

Funds Provided: \$47,831.00
Total Funds spent to date: \$9,604.46

Percent Contract Complete: 20%

I. Narrative

In general we are pleased with progress on weed control in the weed management area. During this reporting period we completed our Strategic Plan and initiated four weed control projects: (a) the removal of French broom and pampas grass from **16** miles of the Highway One right-of-way in northwestern Santa Cruz County, (b) the printing of 5,000 copies of a comprehensive weed control booklet, (c) the control of weeds on the 7,000 acre Coast Dairies Ranch near Davenport, CA, and (d) the partial control of spiny cocklebur on a large cattle ranch.

11. Control Project Tasks Initiated or Completed

1. Using WMA funds, a field crew from Community Action Board is removing French broom and pampas grass from both sides of the 16-mile long Highway One right-of-way west and north of the City of Santa Cruz. They are removing the weeds manually and by mechanical means only.
2. The manager of the 7,000 acre Coast Dairies Ranch near Davenport surveyed and recorded weed infestations using WMA-supplied funds. **An** environmental consultant donated 4 hrs (\$300) of his time to help develop a weed survey protocol. The manager had planned to have crews from the California Youth Authority help to control weeds on the ranch, but the severe fire season is making it impossible to get the crews. Therefore, the manager himself is removing some weed infestations along access trails while on routine patrol. Tenant ranchers mowed over 100 acres of thistle on the ranch. They have not submitted invoices to the manager for the work and some of their time may be donated.
3. WMA funds have enabled a Watsonville rancher to control a rapidly spreading infestation of spiny cocklebur on **14** acres of the 2,500 acre ranch through the limited use of two effective herbicides. This current project complements a previous one for YST, with the goal of restoring native grasses to rangeland.

III. Mapping Project Tasks Initiated or Completed

1. Before starting the weed removal project described in item 11-1 above, we mapped the major weed populations along both sides of the 16-mile long Highway One right-of-way using a GPS unit. Later we will use the pre-removal survey data to evaluate the completeness of the removal. Next year we will use the pre-removal data to learn where the weed population is recovering and may need additional control.
2. The manager at Coast Dairies Ranch is mapping major weed infestations using a GPS unit purchased with **WMA** funds.

IV. Education Project Tasks Initiated or Completed

1. **WMA** funds paid for the writing and printing of 5,000 copies of the second edition of the 25-page booklet “A Plague of Plants: Controlling Santa Cruz County Invasive Plants” by Ken Moore. To date about 2,000 copies have been distributed to county residents. A letter accompanied many of the booklets asking recipients to tell us how useful the booklet is to them.
2. A journalist from the *ValleyPress*, interviewed us seeking information for writing a short series of articles describing the **WMA**’s weed control projects in the northern part of the county. The articles will inform hundreds of people about our **WMA** program and advise them that the booklet “A Plague of Plants” is available.
3. We answered dozens of phone inquiries from homeowners seeking information on weed control.
4. **An** environmental consultant for the Coast Dairies Ranch weed control project donated 4 hrs (\$300) of his time to help develop a weed survey protocol.

V. Problems and Delays Encountered by Project/Task:

1. The cooperator funded with a **WMA** grant to remove English ivy from a portion of Henry Cowell State Park learned recently that the specialized small tractor he planned to rent for the job is no longer available. He is seeking other sources for the machine, but is not hopeful.
2. The Biologist’s Aide who was helping with **WMA** projects resigned in mid-June. We were able to hire an excellent replacement by mid-July, but the reduced staff during the hiatus slowed progress on some projects.

**COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT**

TO: Board of Supervisors
County Administrative Office
Auditor Controller

FROM: Santa Cruz County Agricultural Commissioner (Department)
BY: [Signature] (Signature) 8/22/02 (Date)
Signature certifies that appropriations/revenues are available

AGREEMENT TYPE (Check One) Expenditure Agreement Revenue Agreement

The Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to approve the attached agreement and authorize the execution of same.

1. Said agreement is between the Santa Cruz County Agricultural Commissioner (Department/Agency)
Calif. Dept of Food & Ag, Unit PPHPS/IPC, attn: Steve Schoenig,
and 1220 N Street, Rm. A-357, Sacramento, CA, 95814 (Name/Address)

2. The agreement will provide a Weed Management program

3. Period of the agreement is from January 1, 2002 to June 30, 2004
This fiscal period: June 30, 2002 to June 30, 2003.

4. Anticipated Costs \$ revenue FY02/03: 33,501 FY01/02: 9604 Fixed Monthly Rate Annual Rate Not to Exceed
FY03/04: 4726

Remarks: This is on the Board of Supervisors continuing agreements list.

5. Detail: On Continuing Agreements List for FY 02 - 03 Page CC- 22 Contract No: R750 OR 1st Time Agreement
 Section 11 No Board letter required, will be listed under Item 8
 Section 111 Board letter required
 Section IV Revenue Agreement

6. Appropriations/Revenues are available and are budgeted in 103210 (Index) 2384 (Sub object)

NOTE: IF APPROPRIATIONS ARE INSUFFICIENT, ATTACHED COMPLETED AUD-74 OR AUD-60

Appropriations are available and have been encumbered.
are not available and will be

Contract No: R750
By: [Signature] Date: 8/27/02
Auditor-Controller Deputy

Proposal and accounting detail reviewed and approved. It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the agreement and authorize Santa Cruz County Agricultural Commissioner (Dept/Agency Head) to execute on behalf of the County of Santa Cruz

Date: _____ By: [Signature] (Department/Agency)
County Administrative Office

Distribution:
Board of Supervisors - White State of California
Auditor Controller - Canary County of Santa Cruz
Auditor-Controller - Pink I _____ ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz,
Department - Gold State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing request for approval of agreement was approved by said Board of Supervisors as recommended by the County Administrative Office by an order duly entered in the minutes of said Board on _____ 20__

ADM - 29 (8/01)
Title I, Section 300 Proc Man By: Deputy Clerk

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Resolution No. _____

On the motion of Supervisor _____

Duly seconded by Supervisor _____

The following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz is a recipient of funds from Calif. Dept. of Food & Agriculture, PHPPS/IPC unit for Weed Management Area _____ Program; and

WHEREAS, the County is recipient of funds in the amount of \$ 15,563 _____ which are either in excess of those anticipated or are not specifically set forth in the current fiscal year budget of the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 29130 (c) / 29064 (b), such funds may be made available for specific appropriation by four-fifths vote of the Board of Supervisors.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Santa Cruz County Auditor-Controller accept funds in the amount of \$ 15,563 _____ into Department Agricultural Commissioner.

T/C	index Number	Revenue Subobject No.	User Code	Account Name	Amount
001	103210	2384		Other revenue	\$15,563

and that such funds be and are hereby appropriated as follows:

TIC	index Number	Expenditure Subobject No.	User Code	Account Name	Amount
021	103210	3665		Prof & Special Services	\$15,563

DEPARTMENT HEAD I hereby certify that the fiscal provisions have been researched and that the Revenue has been received within the current fiscal year.

By 
Department Head

Date 8/19/02

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER / _____ / Recommended to Board

/ _____ / Not recommended to Board

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 20____ by the following vote (requires four-fifths vote of approval):

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES: SUPERVISORS

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

Chair of the Board

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature] 10.26.01
County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING DETAIL:

[Signature] 8/27/02
Auditor-Controller

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- County Counsel
- County Administrative Officer
- Originating Department