FROM : AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER:

SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER: Cooperative Agreement for the Pierce’s Disease Nursery Treatment Control Program. District 1. [$50,000].

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Cooperative Agreement No. 17-0151-SA with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, for the amount of $50,000 for FY 17/18; and

2. Authorize the chairman to sign the agreement.

ACTION: Policy

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FINANCIAL DATA

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SOURCE OF FUNDS: California Dept. of Food and Agriculture

Budget Adjustment: No
For Fiscal Year: 2017/2018

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BACKGROUND:

Summary
Agricultural production in Riverside County contributes an estimated $1.3 billion directly to the local and regional economy. Among the rich and varied assortment of agricultural commodities produced in Riverside County, nursery stock production alone represents approximately 20% of the county’s total value.

Due to the presence of Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter (GWSS) populations in local nursery operations that ship plants to un-infested areas of the state, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has approved this specific treatment funding.

This agreement provides $50,000 to reimburse participating pest control operator costs associated with the treatment of nursery stock to control GWSS populations. The Agricultural Commissioner will administer the reimbursements via a “pass through” account.

This agreement was approved as to form by County Counsel.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses
Due to carefully timed treatments, plant production nursery businesses will be positively impacted in that they will be able to continue to ship nursery stock during times of the season when they are generally subjected to high populations of Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter insects.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness
This agreement has been renewed each year since its inception in FY 2008-09 and the dollar amount covers all related costs.

Signed: Steve C. Horn
6/12/2017