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Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
 From: Vincent L. Guise, Director of Agriculture/Weights & Measures
 Date: January 21, 2014
 Subject: CA Seed Law MOU13-sd07

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Agricultural Commissioner, or designee, to execute a contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) in an amount not to exceed \$100, to enforce California seed marketing and labeling requirements for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This MOU will reimburse the department up to \$100 for services. There is no cost share requirement and the revenue has been anticipated in the departmental FY 13/14 budget

BACKGROUND:

The goal of seed law enforcement (Section 52288, California Food and Agricultural Code) is to protect seed consumers, including vegetable and field crop growers, as well as urban landscapers. Poor quality seeds can cost farmers and home gardeners alike considerable amounts of time, money, and resources, by way of reduced yields, poor crop quality, contamination by weeds or other unwanted species. By enforcing California Seed Law regarding marketing and labeling, the Department is able to ensure that consumers receive the desired product, and that there is supportive legal action for those who are wronged.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/21/2014** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
 Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
 Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor
 Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
 Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 21, 2014

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

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CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Failure to accept CA Seed Law MOU 13-sd07 will result in loss revenue for the department.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

None