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Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
 From: Chad Godoy, Director of Agriculture/Weights & Measures  
 Date: January 19, 2016  
 Subject: MOU - California Seed Law 15-sd07

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Agricultural Commissioner, or designee, to execute Memorandum of understanding - California Seed Law #15-sd07 with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to pay the County an amount not to exceed \$100 to enforce California seed marketing and labeling requirements for the period July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This Memorandum of understanding 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 15/16 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

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☒ APPROVE
 ☐ OTHER  
☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR
 ☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **01/19/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

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

ABSENT: Mary N. Piepho, District III  
 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 19, 2016

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

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

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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.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Disapproval of the request would mean loss of revenue to the department for a mandated program.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

None

ATTACHMENTS

MOU Seed Law