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Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Matt Slattengren

Date: January 10, 2017

Subject: MOU - CA Seed Law 16-SD07

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Agricultural Commissioner, or designee, to execute a contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture to pay the County an amount not to exceed \$100 to enforce California seed marketing and labeling requirements for the period July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

FISCAL IMPACT:

This MOU will pay the department \$100 for services. There is no cost share requirement and the revenue has been anticipated in the departmental FY 16/17 budget. No County match.

BACKGROUND:

The goal of seed law enforcement (Section 52288, California Food and Agriculture 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 the California Seed Law regarding marketing and labeling, the Department is able to ensure that consumers receive

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/10/2017** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor

Candace Andersen, District II
Supervisor

Diane Burgis, 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 10, 2017

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

By: Rolanda Hartfield, Deputy

Contact: 646-5250

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the desired product, and that there is supportive legal action for those who are wronged.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

A negative action would mean loss of revenue to the department for a mandated program.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact