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Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Matt Slattengren

Date: February 6, 2018

Subject: California Seed Law Memorandum of Understanding FY17/18

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Agricultural Commissioner, or designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (CA Seed Law 17-SD07) with the California Department of Food and Agriculture to pay the Agriculture Department an amount not to exceed \$100 to enforce California seed marketing and labeling law requirements for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will pay the Agriculture Department \$100 for services. There is no cost share requirement and the revenue has been anticipated in the departmental FY 17/18 budget. There is no County match of funds requirement nor grant money involved.

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

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **02/06/2018** ☒ 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: February 6, 2018

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

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landscapers. Poor quality seeds can cost farmers and home gardeners 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 the desired product and that there is a 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.