



Contra Costa County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Matt Slattengren
Date: July 9, 2019

Subject: 2019 Noxious Weed Grant Program - Purple Star Thistle Agreement #18-0656-000-SG

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Agricultural Commissioner, or designee, to execute agreement #18-0656-000-SG Noxious Weed Grant Program - Purple Star Thistle with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to reimburse the Department in an amount not to exceed \$57,649 to implement and carry out strategic weed control and eradication for Purple Star Thistle for the period June 30, 2019 through March 31, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This agreement will reimburse the Department for costs to implement and carry out strategic weed control and eradication for Purple Star Thistle in an amount not to exceed \$57,649.

BACKGROUND:

Contra Costa County Agriculture Weights and Measures Department has a long history of weed management and weed abatement. One of the non-native, invasive weeds we have, and continue to invest time and resources to is Purple Star Thistle (PST). Contra Costa is generally infested with PST, a B rated pest, because it is a detriment to our precious rangelands and our fragile regional and state parks.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **07/09/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: 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: July 9, 2019

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

ABSENT: John Gioia, District I
Supervisor

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: 608-6600

cc:

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

We have built a great relationship and work closely with the state parks, regional park districts, regional water districts, various other entities, and private landowners to collectively control this weed. The department will be implementing control methods that will protect endangered species as well as promote regrowth of native and desirable plants.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

A negative action would decrease the Department 's revenue and possibly increase the spread of Purple Star Thistle which is a noxious weed and not native to California.