



Contra
Costa
County

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

Subject: 2019 Noxious Weed Grant Program - Artichoke Thistle Agreement #18-0657-000-SG

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Agricultural Commissioner, or designee, to execute agreement #18-0657-000-SG Noxious Weed Grant Program - Artichoke Thistle with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to reimburse the Department in an amount not to exceed \$59,149 to implement and carry out strategic weed control and eradication for Artichoke 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 Artichoke Thistle in an amount not to exceed \$59,149.

BACKGROUND:

Contra Costa County Agricultural 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 Artichoke Thistle (AT). Contra Costa is generally infested with AT, a B rated pest, because it is a detriment to our precious rangelands and our fragile regional and state parks. We have built

☒ 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)

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 Artichoke Thistle which is a noxious weed and not native to California.