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Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Matt Slattengren, Ag Commissioner/Weights & Measures Director

Date: April 20, 2021

Subject: Amendment to Agreement 20-0319-000SA-1 Industrial Hemp Cultivation

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Agricultural Commissioner, or designee, to execute an amendment to the Industrial Hemp Cultivation Program Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture to add a provision requiring the County to indemnify the State for any damages arising out of the agreement, effective July 1, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The County will be reimbursed in an amount not to exceed \$80,175 to register industrial hemp growers and seed breeders and enforce all laws and regulations pertaining to industrial hemp cultivation.

BACKGROUND:

The Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) requires growers of industrial hemp and seed breeders to register with the county agricultural commissioners before growing industrial hemp. When a registrant wishes to alter the land area or change the seed cultivar grown, the registrant must notify and obtain approval from the agricultural commissioner from the

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **04/20/2021** ☒ 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: April 20, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: Stephanna, 608-6600

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

registrant is growing hemp. This amendment changes the property damage provision of the agreement, such that if a property owner claims damages in connection with the industrial hemp program, the County will indemnify and defend CDFA for all claims and losses. This amendment does not impact the moratorium on the cultivation of industrial hemp.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

A negative vote would decrease the County budget for enforcement of this mandated program.