

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER *John Carr*

BOARD AGENDA # *B-2

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE June 3, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Wildlife Services Contract with the United States Department of Agriculture

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Wildlife Services contract with the United States Department of Agriculture.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Wildlife Services contract is an expenditure in the amount of \$52,000 and covers the County cooperative share of personnel costs for one full-time Wildlife Services Specialist. The cost has increased \$2,285 over last fiscal year due to employee cost-of-living adjustments and rising vehicle and logistical costs. Funds have been requested in the Agricultural Commissioner's Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Proposed Budget for this annual contract.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-378

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Monteith, DeMartini and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Grover

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

Wildlife Services
(United States Department of Agriculture)

This agreement provides for animal damage management on properties within Stanislaus County and includes funds for the services of a Wildlife Services Specialist. The Wildlife Specialist, employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, works to reduce, terminate and prevent predation and damage to livestock, crops and other property caused by damaging birds and mammals. This is a critical program for the protection of agriculture in Stanislaus County and provides a much needed service for affected landowners. The County's cooperative share of the agreement for the services of the Wildlife Services Specialist is \$52,000.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Board of Supervisors is asked to determine if this contract is consistent with the Board Priority to strive for a Strong Agricultural Economy/Heritage.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

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**ANNUAL WORK PLAN
Between
STANISLAUS COUNTY (Cooperator)
And
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
WILDLIFE SERVICES (APHIS-WS)**

A. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this plan is to provide for wildlife damage management on properties within the County of Stanislaus, State of California. The strategies employed will include corrective actions to current wildlife damage problems and preventative control to prevent future problems and subsequent property damage.

B. RESULTS OR BENEFITS EXPECTED

Efforts will be made by assigned personnel to reduce, terminate, and prevent predation and damage to livestock, crops, and other property caused by damaging birds and mammals.

C. APPROACH AND RESOURCES REQUIRED

The work will be accomplished using Wildlife Services Specialists (WSS) assigned to work within the County. The anticipated program includes twelve (12) staff months for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. All work will be in accordance with the terms of the Cooperative Agreement effective July 1, 2004.

D. PROCUREMENT

Purchase of supplies, equipment, and miscellaneous needs including salaries will be made by APHIS-WS. All expenditures will be processed thorough APHIS's administrative system and charged to the Cooperator as described in the Financial Plan of the Cooperative Service Agreement.

E. STIPULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

APHIS-WS activities under this cooperative effort will be limited to the State of California. Techniques will be environmentally sound, safe, and selective. If applicable, both Federal and State permits will be secured to perform wildlife damage management activities, and those activities will be conducted within the policy guidelines of APHIS-WS. All program activities will be conducted in compliance with Local, State, and Federal regulations.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL PLAN
Between
STANISLAUS COUNTY (Cooperator)
And
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
WILDLIFE SERVICES (APHIS-WS)

The anticipated program includes twelve (12) staff months for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The Cooperator's share of the salary, benefits, program supervision, support services and equipment is \$52,000.00 for services rendered during the course of fiscal year 2008-2009. This amount represents approximately 61% of the total cost of the program in the county and is based on state-wide averages. Billings will be sent for payment to the Cooperator on a quarterly basis in equal amounts of \$13,000.00. The total amount of Cooperator billings shall not exceed the amount specified above, unless mutually agreed by both parties in writing.

In accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, invoices issued by USDA-APHIS are due and payable within 30 days. Payments not received by the due date are subject to late payment charges assessed at the rate established by the Dept. of Treasury (31 USC 3717).

In the absence of a finalized county budget, a letter of intent must be provided pending final budget approval. The cooperative Wildlife Services Program can not continue within Stanislaus County unless a mutual agreement is negotiated by June 30, 2008.

COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
Modesto, California
Tax Identification Number: 94-6000540

Thomas W. Mayfield
County Representative THOMAS W. MAYFIELD Date 6/3/08
Title: CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
STANISLAUS COUNTY COUNSEL

BY *Deirdre McGrath 5/23/08*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
WILDLIFE SERVICES
Sacramento, California
Tax Identification Number: 41-0696271

Craig Collier
California State Director Date 6-12-08

Angela Lottman
Director, Western Region Date 7/1/08