



MARIPOSA COUNTY

Agricultural Commissioner · 966-3222



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-280

MEETING: June 12, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: Agreement for Agricultural Commissioner / Sealer Services with Merced County

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve an Agreement with Merced County to Provide Agricultural Commissioner / Sealer of Weights and Measures Services (\$139,200); and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

The Mariposa County Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures is responsible for several vital county functions including monitoring, maintaining and enforcing standards for agricultural plant health, weed prevention and management, pest prevention, animal health, food safety and measurement standards. The agricultural commissioner position is one of a small handful mandated by state code and held to strict state licensing requirements.

Our most recent county agricultural commissioner/sealer of weights and measures retired on December 31, 2016. The County began recruiting a replacement several months prior to this date and continued that effort through May 2018 with limited success. At the same time, the County pursued several other options including the possibility of contracting with adjoining jurisdiction for the needed licensing and coverage.

This agreement effectively appoints the agricultural commissioner/sealer of weights and measures in Merced County to perform the same function in Mariposa County. This arrangement meets all state requirements and can be done for a cost approximately equal to hiring an individual for the position. Through the agreement, a licensed commissioner or deputy will be present in Mariposa County an average of three times per week and no less than twice in any given week.

Staff recommends approval of this agreement as it allows for both satisfaction of state requirements and an opportunity to modernize and advance our local office. Additional, specialized expertise will be more readily available for addressing community needs through this agreement and the current commissioner in Merced is

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committed to leveraging his office to implement best management practices in Mariposa.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Mariposa County contracted for many years with the commissioners in Stanislaus or Madera Counties for agricultural commissioner / sealer of weights and measures services. Doing so provided an opportunity for an internal candidate to achieve the appropriate licensing and eventually be appointed as the commissioner and sealer for the County.

That agricultural commissioner retired on December 31, 2016.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve the agreement. Staff will continue recruiting for an agricultural commissioner / sealer of weights and measures.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Appropriate funds are included in the Agricultural Commissioner account of the General Fund requested budget for FY19

ATTACHMENTS:

MOU Mariposa-Merced Ag FY18-19 (DOC)

Ag Commissioner Salary / Benefits (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey