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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors,

**APPROVAL OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE FOR THE  
ADMINISTRATION OF GRANTS TO STAKEHOLDERS OF THE LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY WEED MANAGEMENT AREA  
(ALL DISTRICTS)(3-VOTES)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve and instruct the Chair to sign the attached Cooperative Agreement # 04-0657, with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), authorizing the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM ) to administer \$250,548 in grants awarded to three Los Angeles County Weed Management Area (WMA) members.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the Cooperative Agreement will provide funding through grants for habitat restoration, invasive weed mapping, and public outreach by WMA members. CDFA requires that the grants be administered by ACWM.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This agreement supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal # 1, Service Excellence, and Goal # 2, Fiscal Responsibility. It will allow ACWM to channel critical funding to three Los Angeles County WMA members engaged in the war against invasive weeds. County residents will benefit from the improvement of degraded natural areas and a reduction of fire danger posed by certain invasive weeds like arundo. ACWM will recover the costs incurred from administration of the grants.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no impact on net County cost, as ACWM will be reimbursed for the costs incurred to administer this state-funded, pass-through grant program.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

It is within the scope of the mission of ACWM to help in the suppression and reduction in the spread of harmful, invasive weeds in the County.

The terms of the Cooperative Agreement shall be for the period commencing July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2007. The start date of this grant was delayed due to possible contracting restrictions that might have been imposed had AB 1896, pertaining to the requirement that Inspector Aids be permanent, not passed. The potential restrictions have been resolved.

The Cooperative Agreement has been reviewed by County Counsel and approved as to form.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Administering this program is not expected to reduce current services or projects.

**CONCLUSION**

When approved, please return to this Department (2) signed copies along with the minute order authorizing the Chair to sign.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel