

DATE: May 17, 2018

TO: Watershed Conservation Authority Governing Board

FROM: Deborah Enos, Deputy Executive Officer

THROUGH: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 10: Consideration of a resolution to approve a contract with Los Angeles County Department of Agriculture for on-call weed abatement services.

RECOMMENDATION: The Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) Governing Board approve a contract with Los Angeles County Department of Agriculture to provide on-call weed abatement services at WCA owned properties through June 30, 2019 for a not to exceed value of \$11,000.

BACKGROUND: This amendment will extend the interagency contract to provide on-call weed abatement services for Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget year (Exhibit A).

The Duck Farm property requires periodic and ongoing weed abatement control to eradicate invasive weeds and deplete the seed bank in the soil from years of operation as a commercial duck farm. Between 2012 and 2014 the site saw an inundation of the invasive weed Russian thistle (Tumbleweed). Control methods to eradicate this and other invasive were not effective utilizing the private contractor at the time and the cost to manage the invasive plants became an operational burden.

Los Angeles County Department of Agriculture has been providing exceptional services to the Watershed Conservation Authority for this property since December 2014. Services include continually monitoring the site for signs of regrowth of invasive weeds. When regrowth occurs LA County swiftly addresses the situation and thus limits future weed seed releases. Additionally, WCA properties require on-call weed abatement services primarily for annual fire clearance compliance that can be serviced by this contract as needed; though, WCA historically utilizes the services of at risk youth corps and LA County Fire Crews, and others as needed, for this activity, as well as, to supplement the work performed under this contract.

FISCAL INFORMATION: Contract is funded under the category of General Operational Expenses up to an amount not to exceed the Fiscal Year approved budget limits for Weed Abatement.

Exhibit A

No 1699

AGREEMENT

PEST CONTROL

This agreement, dated May 1, 2018, is made by and between the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ("County") Watershed Conservation Authority ("Owner").

RECITALS:

Whereas, the County is authorized by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and by Section 5405 of the Food and Agricultural Code and Section 25842 of the Government Code, to provide varied pest control services; and,

Whereas, the Owner is desirous of contracting with the County acting through its Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures for the performance of pest control services; and,

Whereas, the County is agreeable to rendering such pest control services on the terms and conditions set forth below.

THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. County Obligations.

- (a) The County, through the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures, agrees to provide pest control services as listed in this agreement.
- (b) Such services shall encompass the pest control duties including eradication, control, and destruction of pests customarily rendered by the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department of the County of Los Angeles as defined by the statutes of the State of California.
- (c) The rendition of such services, the standard of performance, the control of personnel conducting pest control duties, and other matters incidental to the performance of such services shall remain within the discretion of the County.

1 SECTION 4. Termination

2 (a) Unless sooner terminated as provided for herein, this agreement shall be
3 effective July 1, 2018 and shall extend to June 30, 2019.

4 (b) Either party may terminate this agreement upon ten (10) days written notice
5 to the other party.

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10 Watershed Conservation Authority

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12 SIGNED: _____

13 Print Name: _____

14 DATE: _____

15 Billing Address:

16 100 North Old San Gabriel Canyon Road, Azusa,

17 CA 91702

18 Phone No.

19 (626) 815-1019

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21 Kurt E. Floren
22 Agricultural Commissioner
23 Director of Weights and Measures
24 12300 Lower Azusa Road
25 Arcadia, CA 91006
26 (626) 575-5462
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2 WORK TO BE DONE AS REQUESTED.

3 TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$11000.00

4 PAYMENT TO BE RECEIVED UPON MONTHLY BILLING.

5 ONLY THOSE MATERIALS APPLICABLE TO THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE UTILIZED.

6 *THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR TRAPS OR BAIT STATIONS UNLESS THEY ARE DAMAGED OR STOLEN.

7 THESE RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

8 Labor:

9	Agric/Wts & Meas Inspector III	\$109.05 HR
10	Agricultural Chemical Sprayer	\$93.64 HR
11	Pest Control Worker	\$70.78 HR
12	Warehouse Worker II	\$78.74 HR
13	Weed Haz & Pest Abatement Worker	\$53.22 HR

14 Materials:

15	Amigo (Veg. Oil)	\$15.32 gal
16	Bullseye Ind. Dye	\$0.30 oz
17	Dimension Ultra	\$12.90 pkt
18	Foam Fighter	\$0.21 oz
19	Fusilade II	\$1.49 oz
20	Gallery 75DF	\$8.10 oz
21	Garlon 3A	\$86.46 gal
22	Garlon 4	\$90.33 gal
23	Garlon 4 Ultra-RR CalTrans	\$1.10 oz
24	Habitat Herbicide	\$0.62 oz
25	Landmark	\$7.54 oz
26	Manage Turf Herbicide	\$2.36 scp
27	Milestone VM	\$2.40 oz
28	Milestone VM Plus	\$37.66 gal
29	No Foam A	\$13.29 gal
30	Oust	\$4.01 oz
31	Pathfinder	\$38.97 gal
32	Portfolio 4FCA	\$737.50 gal

1	Pro Spreader Activator	\$15.31 gal
2	Roundup Custom	\$25.29 gal
3	Roundup Pro Concentrate	\$20.18 gal
4	Roundup Pro Concentrate 265	\$19.50 gal
5	Stalker	\$80.57 qt
6	Telar XP	\$16.92 oz
7	Transline	\$2.70 oz

8 Vehicles:

9	Spray Rig Vehicle-III	\$11.01 hr
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RESOLUTION 2018-08

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR ON-CALL WEED ABATEMENT SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has been established to facilitate joint projects between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, this action approves a contract with Los Angeles County Department of Agriculture to conduct weed abatement at the WCA properties; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:

1. **FINDS** that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WCA.
2. **FINDS** that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. **ADOPTS** the staff report dated May 17, 2018.
4. **APPROVES** a contract with Los Angeles County Department of Agriculture for a contract value not to exceed \$11,000 for weed abatement services through June 30, 2019.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the

Resolution 2018-08

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

On May 17, 2018

M. Janet Chin, Governing Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall, Deputy Attorney General