

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only
Meeting Date **Held Until**
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Agenda Item No: **Agenda Item No:**
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Department: Agricultural Commissioner

() **4/5 Vote Required**

Contact:
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Board Date:
7/14/09

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: California Organic Food Act Agreement

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Resolution authorizing the Chair to sign an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for organic registration, investigations, residue samples, spot inspections, and supplemental spot inspections for fiscal year 09/10.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

Estimated Cost \$ 12,880

Amount Budgeted \$ 12,880

Other Avail Approp. \$
(Explain below)

Additional Requested: \$

Explanation (if required):

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD

Contingencies \$
(Fund Name:)

Unanticipated Revenue \$
(Source:)

Other Transfer(s) \$
(Source:)

Add'l Funds Requested: \$

Prior Board Action(s): Annual agreement since 1990.

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval: Up to \$12,880.00 revenue off-setting program costs will not be realized in fiscal year 09/10.

Background:

The Agricultural Commissioner has entered into agreements with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) annually since 1990 for registration, spot inspections, supplemental spot inspections, residue sampling, and complaint investigations of organic producers.

Under agreement, the Agricultural Commissioner will receive \$60.00 for each new registration and amended registration (approximately 15 annually); \$210.00 for each spot inspection of producers, handlers, processors, and retail stores (38 annually); including \$70.00 for each initial Certified Farmers Market inspection and an additional \$10.00 for each additional organic participant inspected. These reimbursement rates are set by the state and do not fully recover the actual cost of the inspection. In addition to reimbursements for inspections, \$4,000.00 is available if the need arises for reimbursement for actual costs for each approved complaint investigation (approximately 1 annually), and residue sampling if required. In the event as the end of the fiscal year approaches, if there have been no investigations, CDFA may authorize more spot inspections if there are unused funds.

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Attachments: Resolution

On File With Clerk: Agreement No. 09-0162

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote: