

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:
June 17th, 2014

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Environmental Management Department (EMD)
Subject: Report Back - Requested Review of CUPA Farm Inspection Cost Estimate
Supervisorial
District(s): All
Contact: Val Siebal, Director of Environmental Management Department, 875-8584

BACKGROUND

The Board of Supervisors directed EMD staff to re-examine their cost estimates for farms regarding the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Inspection program which begins July 1, 2014, and report back during the Budget Hearings.

DISCUSSION

EMD staff reviewed its time and task cost estimates for the CUPA farm regulatory program. It was determined that the time allotments are appropriate estimates for the first year of the program.

As part of the farm cost recovery estimates, a \$10,754 contingency over three years was previously built into the fee. EMD is able to remove this contingency, which would be \$3,585 per year cost savings, spread equally among the 240 farm facilities. This will reduce the annual fee by \$14.93 per farm.

In addition, EMD will include the Reclamation Districts into the facilities that are inspected by the Agricultural Commissioner's Office as requested at the Board meeting May 28, 2014. This will afford them the same costs being charged to farms.

EMD has committed to review its program costs over the next two years and report back at community workshops in August of 2015 and 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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