



# Board Agenda Item 44

DATE: September 12, 2017  
TO: Board of Supervisors  
SUBMITTED BY: Les Wright, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer  
SUBJECT: Revenue Agreement for the water hyacinth control program

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

**Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Revenue Agreement with the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the water hyacinth control program, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 (\$17,042).**

Approval of the recommended action will allow the County to enter into an agreement with the California Department of Parks and Recreation to reimburse the Department for water hyacinth control.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

Should your Board not approve the recommended action, the Department will not receive funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) for the water hyacinth control program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. Fresno County will receive approximately \$17,042 in revenue from DBW to fund this program. The estimated revenues and appropriations to fund the full cost of the program are included in the FY2017-18 Recommended Budget for Department of Agriculture Org 40101003.

DISCUSSION:

The water hyacinth control program is an aquatic weed program designed to control the growth and spread of the non-native invasive plant in the Delta and its tributaries. Water hyacinth forms dense mats that interfere with navigation, recreation, irrigation, power generation, and native aquatic flora and fauna. Low oxygen conditions develop beneath water hyacinth mats and the dense floating mats impede water flow and create good breeding conditions for mosquitoes.

Since its arrival in the San Joaquin basin in the early 1970s, water hyacinth has spread to the upper San Joaquin River in Fresno County. This agreement provides funding for survey and removal of water hyacinth in the San Joaquin River and its tributaries within Fresno County. Other counties in California are also conducting the water hyacinth control program, so that the combined efforts of counties provide effective regional management to protect regional waterways vital to agriculture and residents alike.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Agreement  
On file with Clerk - Contractor Certification Clauses

CAO ANALYST:

Ronald Alexander