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Board Report

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- a. Approve and authorize the Agricultural Commissioner to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Monterey County Agricultural Education, Inc., not to exceed \$50,000, to provide support of agricultural education efforts in Monterey County, and;
- b. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to make payments in accordance with the terms of the MOU.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Since FY 2009-2010 the County Board of Supervisors has directed the Agricultural Commissioner's Office to provide support of agricultural education efforts in Monterey County. The intent was to collaborate for mutual benefit with respect to agricultural education programs and activities, more specifically programs and activities directly related to pest management and control, quarantine and invasive species activities, pesticide use and enforcement, fruit and vegetable standardization, and crop statistics.

Monterey County Agricultural Education, Inc. (MCAE), is a nonprofit organization that provides educational programs to teachers, administrators, and students throughout Monterey County. MCAE programs include: The Farm Day Experience Careers in Agriculture, Teacher Workshop, and Education and Agricultural Together (EAT). Under its MOU, MCAE collaborates with the Agricultural Commissioner's Office to develop and deliver three (3) Farm Day Experience programs (Salinas, Monterey, and King City) and other events.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

MCAE supports this action.

FINANCING:

There is no financial impact to the General Fund. Sufficient funds are available in the Agricultural Commissioner's Office Budget for FY 2015-2016. Ongoing funding is subject to availability as determined through the County's annual Adopted Budget review and approval process.

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Attachments:
MCAE MOU FY 2015-2016