



# Monterey County

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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 the Grower Shipper Association Foundation (GSAF), 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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- b. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to make payments in accordance with the terms of the MOU.

### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Since FY 2009-10 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.

The GSAF is a nonprofit organization that provides educational programs to professionals and the public throughout Monterey County. GSAF programs include: The "AgKnowledge" program. Under its MOU, GSAF collaborates with the Agricultural Commissioner's Office to develop and deliver a nine (9) month professional development program to community leaders within Monterey County.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Grower Shipper Association Foundation supports this action.

### FINANCING:

The funds are contained in the Agricultural Commissioner's Budget for FY 2016-17. There are no changes to appropriations. Ongoing funding is subject to availability as determined through the County's annual Adopted Budget review and approval process.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

GSAF is a nonprofit organization that provides educational programs. Agricultural education programs support the economic vitality of the industry by educating children and the public about how their food is produced and about careers in agriculture.

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Attachments:  
GSAF MOU