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Accept a 2017 Challenge Award from the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) for the Monterey County Farmworker Advisory Committee submitted by the Agricultural Commissioner.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors accept a 2017 Challenge Award from the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) for the *Monterey County Farmworker Advisory Committee* submitted by the Agricultural Commissioner.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Each year the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) invites counties to submit nominations for the CSAC Challenge Awards. These unique awards recognize the innovative and creative spirit of California county governments for finding new and effective ways of providing projects, programs, and services to their citizens.

In June of this year, Monterey County submitted an entry to the 2017 CSAC Challenge Award competition titled *Monterey County Farmworker Advisory Committee*. **The Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner's Office and Center for Community Advocacy established the Farmworker Advisory Committee** to work on health and safety issues, particularly pesticide use. The application is included as EXHIBIT A.

On September 7, 2017, CSAC notified the County that the *Monterey County Farmworker Advisory Committee* entry was awarded a Challenge Award. The award will be presented by:

- DeAnn Baker, Deputy Executive Director of Legislative Affairs for CSAC

Others who were key in the development of the Farmworker Advisory Committee will also be present for the presentation include, but are not limited to:

- Bob Roach, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner, Monterey County
- Sabino Lopez, Interim Executive Director, Center for Community Advocacy (CCA)
- Joel Hernandez-Laguna, Center for Community Advocacy (CCA)
- Juan Uranga, Past Executive Director, Center for Community Advocacy (CCA)
- Norm Groot, Executive Director, Monterey County Farm Bureau
- Jim Bogart, President, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California local Farmworkers.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The County Administrative Office-Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs Division prepared this

report in conjunction with the Office of the Agricultural Commissioner.

FINANCING:

Acceptance of the CSAC Challenge Award will have no additional impact on the General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The items included in this report relate to the Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives on Economic Development and Health and Human Services.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachments: EXHIBIT A - 2017 CSAC Challenge Award Entry - *Monterey County Farmworker Advisory Program*