

**Board Report** 

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# **RECOMMENDATION:**

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### 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 Monterey County Fair is a nonprofit organization that provides educational programs. This request aligns with the Monterey County's strategic initiative to support programs and services that promote healthy choices in collaboration with communities.

# OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Monterey County Fair 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:

The Monterey County Fair 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: Monterey County Fair MOU