COUNTY OF GLENN
BOARD REPORT

Submitted by Department of Agriculture
(Department)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
These are new contracts with Pat Way and Ken Polson due to a new funding source. However, we have contracted with Pat Way for the last three years to work on the Restricted Pesticide Permitting Program funded through a State Water Board Grant. Ken Polson has worked with Pat for the last year, employed by Glenn County as a PSE, to help Pat with the project. The Grant and its funding for Pat and Ken has expired as of June 30, 2007. The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has a current contract (Contract No. 05-0113C approved by the Board June 16, 2006) with Glenn County to continue the work on the Ag GIS version 3 of the Restricted Pesticide Permit Program. The DPR contract is funded through June 30, 2008.

RECOMMENDATION(S):
Authorize the Agricultural Commissioner to sign the contracts on behalf of the County.

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND:
Glenn County received a State Water Board Grant in January of 2004 to develop a GIS component to the States Restricted Pesticide Permit Program. Pat Way was contracted to complete that task. The Water Board contract has expired as of June 30, 2007. Ag GIS version 3 is currently installed in Glenn County. The DPR contract allows for continued development of the program and installation of the program into 31 other County agricultural commissioner’s offices throughout the state. The new permit program allows for crop sites, waterways, riparian areas, set backs, buffer zones, endangered species habitat, etc. to be looked at as a special overview, giving much more detail and information to permit data, which is used by DPR and the County agricultural commissioners to enforce laws and protect people, property and the environment when pesticides are used.

FISCAL/PERSOENNEL IMPACT(S):
The Ag department does benefit from updated computer equipment and computer programs making our work time more efficient and our work product more accurate. We recover our costs for managing the contract with DPR. Revenue from the DPR contract has been identified in my 2007/08 budget. There is no general fund impact. No additional county personnel are required for this contract.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION
The benefits from using this updated Pesticide Permit program are many. The old State program was outdated and a dinosaur in the computer world. It was not meeting the needs of the State or Counties due to the numerous new laws and environmental concerns when using pesticides in today’s world. Both the State DPR and the California Agricultural Commissioners Association support use of the Ag GIS version 3 Permit program. Since Glenn County has been the visionary in the development of this program, we have been asked to continue development and to install the program into other County Agricultural Commissioners offices. The DPR has allocated $250,000 to perform this task.

All items transmitted by a County Department or Agency for inclusion in the agenda for Board of Supervisors action must include all background and analysis necessary for the Board to make an informed decision. Failure to provide adequate information, analysis, or backup could result in the matter not being added to the agenda and returned to the department for additional information.