



**COUNTY of VENTURA**  
Agriculture/Weights & Measures

**Agricultural Commissioner**

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**County Sealer**

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**Chief Deputy**

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County of Ventura Board of Supervisors

**Subject:** Approval of, and Authorization for the Agricultural Commissioner to sign, an Agreement with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. to Collect, Safeguard, Haul and Properly Dispose of Pesticides Collected During the Pesticide Disposal Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$174,000; and Approval of Acceptance of up to \$174,000 from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation for the Project and Authorization for the Auditor-Controller to Process the Necessary Accounting Transactions. (Recommendation No. 2 Requires 4/5ths Vote) – LEVINE ACT ITEM

**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors

1. Approve, and authorize the Agricultural Commissioner to sign, an agreement with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. ("Clean Harbors"), attached hereto as Exhibit 1, to collect, safeguard, haul and properly dispose of pesticides collected during the Pesticide Disposal Project in the amount not to exceed \$174,000.
2. Approve the acceptance of up to \$174,000 from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation for the Pesticide Disposal Project (Exhibit 3) and authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the following accounting transactions: (Requires 4/5ths vote)

Increase	Division 2800	Services and Supplies	\$174,000
Increase	Division 2800	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$174,000

**Fiscal Impact:**

The agreement with the vendor, Clean Harbors, will allow for up to \$174,000 to be paid to the vendor for the costs incurred in disposing of the pesticides. The funding allocations from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation provide up to \$174,000 in cost recovery for the reimbursement of vendor charges and other miscellaneous costs. There will be no additional net county cost.

	FY 2024-25
Revenues	\$174,000
Costs	\$174,000
Net County Cost	\$0

Funding Source: California Department of Pesticide Regulation

Match Requirement: \$0

**Discussion:**

The Ventura County Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures will organize and hold a Pesticide Disposal Project, which will assist farmers, growers and other small businesses with the proper disposal of unwanted or outdated pesticides that would otherwise go unattended. The event is tentatively scheduled to take place May 13-14, 2025 and June 4, 2025. The California Department of Pesticide Regulation has allocated \$174,000 to assist Ventura County in removing and disposing of unused pesticides.

The agreement with Clean Harbors will authorize them as a vendor to receive and dispose of old pesticides that would otherwise pose a possible hazard to children, disadvantaged community members, and the environment. The event will be held at the Clean Harbors building premises in Camarillo. The pesticides will be collected from Ventura County farms and others and disposed of properly in accordance with hazardous waste management practices.

Clean Harbors is the County's current vendor for Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Services.

**Strategic Plan:**

The County's four-year strategic plan includes Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Vitality as well as Reliable Infrastructure and Sustainability. Approval of this Agreement will promote economic development opportunities, preservation of our natural resources, and a quality standard of living. The program will provide a safe means for Ventura County growers to dispose of old and unwanted pesticides that could otherwise pose a hazard to our people and the environment. The program would provide growers

and other businesses with free pesticide disposal services which is typically cost-prohibitive.

**Reviewing Agencies:**

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, County Counsel, and the Auditor-Controller's Office.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please call Korinne Bell at (805) 933-2415.

Sincerely,



Korinne Bell

Agricultural Commissioner

**Attachments:**

Exhibit 1 – Standard Contract

Exhibit 2 – Clean Harbors Proposal

Exhibit 3 – Department of Pesticide Regulation Funding Committal Letter

