

MARIPOSA COUNTY

Agricultural Commissioner · (209)966-2075



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-306

MEETING: June 21, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Cathi Boze, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

RE: Contract for Services Agreements for the State and Private Forestry Grant 16-0365-SF

*Leon March
CA Reforestation
Inc.*

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the Two-Year Contract for Services Agreements with Dan Wice and California Reforestation for the implementation of the State and Private Forestry Grant Agreement No. 16-0365-SF with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for the 2016 - 2018 Mariposa County Invasive Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Projects, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreements.

This State and Private Forestry grant agreement continues work on the control and eradication of yellow starthistle and tocalote in the Merced River Canyon as well the survey and eradication of non-native A- and B-rated invasive weed species (diffuse and spotted knapweed, rush skeleton weed, Dalmatian toadflax, and oblong spurge) and C-rated weeds such as French broom and stinkwort in the county.

Grant Agreement #16-0365-SF for the implementation of the invasive noxious weed control and eradication projects with CDFA runs from 7/01/16 - 6/30/18 and is in the amount of \$13,244. It is funded under a United States Forest Service grant and requires a 75:25 non-Federal in-kind match at the time of invoicing.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Contract for Services Agreements for previous State and Private Forestry Grant projects in the county such as the Arundo Control and Eradication Project have been approved and implemented in the past.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Approving the Contract for Services Agreements will provide for implementation of the Mariposa County Invasive Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Projects under the State and Private Forestry Grant Agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Revenue in the amount of \$13,244 from the State and Private Forestry Grant with CDFA for implementation of this project is included in the FY 2016/2017 budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

2016-18 Contract for Services - Wice - USFS grant(PDF)

2016-18 Contract for Services - CA Ref - USFS grant (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended


Mary Hodson, CAO 6/14/2016

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

This Contract made this 21st day of June, 2016, between:

COUNTY: Cathi Boze, Agricultural Commissioner
Mariposa County
P.O. Box 905
Mariposa, California 95338-0905

and

CONTRACTOR: Leon Manich
California Reforestation Inc.
22230-A S. Colorado River Drive
Sonora, California 95370

ARTICLE I. TERM OF CONTRACT

1.01 Contract Term: This Contract shall become effective on July 1, 2016, and shall terminate on June 30, 2018, unless terminated in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of this Contract.

ARTICLE 2. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

- 2.01 Independent Contractor:** It is the expressed intention of the parties that Contractor is an independent Contractor and not an employee, agent, joint venturer or partner of County. Nothing in this Contract shall be interpreted or construed as creating or establishing the relationship of employer and employee between County and Contractor or any employee or agent of Contractor. Both parties acknowledge that Contractor is not an employee for state or federal tax purposes. Contractor shall retain the right to perform services for others during the term of this Contract.
- 2.02 Contractor Qualifications:** Contractor warrants that Contractor has the necessary experience and technical skills to provide services under this Contract.
- 2.03 Contract Management:** Contractor shall report to the Mariposa County Agricultural Commissioner who will review the activities and performance of the Contractor and administer this Contract.

ARTICLE 3. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CONTRACTOR

3.01 Scope of Services: Contractor agrees to furnish the following services:
Contractor shall provide the services described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

No additional services shall be performed by Contractor unless approved in advance in writing by the County stating the dollar value of the services, the method of payment, and any adjustment in contract time. All such services are to be coordinated with County and the results of the work shall be monitored by the Mariposa County Agricultural Commissioner or his/her designee. However, the means by which the work is accomplished shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

3.02 Method of Performing Services: Contractor will determine the method, details, and means of performing the above-described services including measures to protect the safety of the traveling public and Contractor's employees. County shall not have the right to, and shall not, control the manner or determine the method of accomplishing Contractor's services.

3.03 Employment of Assistants: Contractor may, at the Contractor's own expense, employ such assistants as Contractor deems necessary to perform the services required of Contractor by this Contract. County may not control, direct, or supervise Contractor's assistants or employees in the performance of those services.

Contractor assumes full and sole responsibility for the payment of all compensation and expenses of these assistants and for all state and federal income tax, unemployment insurance, Social Security, disability insurance and other applicable withholdings.

ARTICLE 4. COMPENSATION

4.01 Compensation: In consideration for the services to be performed by Contractor, County agrees to pay Contractor in proportion to the services satisfactorily performed in the not to exceed amount of Six thousand five hundred dollars (\$ 6,500). The total sum to be paid to Contractor includes all labor, materials, travel and other expenses to be incurred by Contractor in the performance of the services described herein. Payment shall be made upon submission of a formal claim approved by the appropriate official of the County as follows:

Total sum to be paid upon completion of services.

or

Incremental payments based on the following schedule:

Monthly reimbursement upon submission of proper expense vouchers to the Mariposa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

- 4.02** Invoices: Contractor shall submit detailed invoices for all services being rendered from the Contractor to the County.
- 4.03** Date for Payment of Compensation: County will endeavor to make payment within 45 days of invoices being submitted from the Contractor to the County, and approval and acceptance of the work by the County.
- 4.04** Expenses: Contractor shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incident to the performance of services for County, including but not limited to, all costs of materials, equipment, all fees, fines, licenses, bonds or taxes required of or imposed against Contractor and all other of Contractor's costs of doing business. County shall not be responsible for any expense incurred by Contractor in performing services for County.

ARTICLE 5. OBLIGATIONS OF CONTRACTOR

- 5.01** Tools and Instrumentalities: Contractor will supply all tools and instrumentalities required to perform the services under this Contract. Contractor is not required to purchase or rent any tools, equipment or services from County. County shall not provide working space, supplies, materials or other such support to Contractor in the performance of the services and tasks as described herein.
- 5.02** Indemnification: Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless against any and all liability imposed or claimed, including attorney's fees and other legal expenses, arising directly or indirectly from any act or failure of Contractor or Contractor's assistants, employees or agents, including all claims relating to the injury or death of any person or damage to any property. Contractor agrees to maintain a policy of liability insurance in the minimum amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to cover such claims or in an amount determined appropriate by the County Risk Manager. Contractor shall furnish a certificate of insurance evidencing such insurance and naming the County as an additional insured for the above-cited liability coverage prior to commencing work. It is understood that the duty of Contractor to indemnify and hold harmless includes the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code. Acceptance by County of insurance certificates and endorsements required under this Contract does not relieve Contractor from liability under this indemnification and hold harmless clause. This indemnification and hold harmless clause shall apply to any damages or claims for damages whether or not such insurance policies shall have been determined to apply. By execution of this Contract, Contractor acknowledges and agrees to the provisions of this Section and that it is a material element of consideration.
- 5.03** General Liability and Automobile Insurance: During the term of this Contract Contractor shall obtain and keep in full force and effect a commercial, general liability

and automobile policy or policies of at least \$1,000,000 combined limit for bodily injury and property damage; provided that the County, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents are to be named additional insureds under the policies, and that the policies shall stipulate that this insurance will operate as primary insurance for work performed by Contractor and its sub-contractors, and that no other insurance effected by County or other named insureds will be called on to cover a loss covered thereunder. The General Liability insurance shall be provided by an ISO Commercial General Liability policy, with edition dates of 1985, 1988, or 1990. The County will be named as an additional insured using ISO form CG 2010 1185 or the same form with an edition date no later than 1990, or in other form satisfactory to County.

5.04 Certificate of Insurance: Contractor shall complete and file with the County prior to engaging in any operation or activity set forth in this Contract, certificates of insurance evidencing coverage as set forth in paragraphs 5.02 and 5.03 above and which shall provide that no cancellation or expiration by the insurance company will be made during the term of this Contract, without thirty (30) days written notice to County prior to the effective date of such cancellation.

5.05 Workers' Compensation: During the term of this Contract Contractor agrees to provide workers' compensation insurance for Contractor's employees and agents and agrees to hold harmless and indemnify County for any and all claims arising out of any injury, disability, or death of any of Contractor's employees or agents.

5.06 Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS): In the event that Contractor or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Contractor providing services under this Contract is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or the Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) to be eligible for enrollment in CalPERS as an employee of the County, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for CalPERS benefits on behalf of Contractor or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of County.

5.07 State and Federal Taxes: As Contractor is not County's employee; Contractor is responsible for paying all required state and federal taxes. In particular:

- a. County will not withhold FICA (Social Security) from Contractor's payments;
- b. County will not make state or federal unemployment insurance contributions on behalf of Contractor;
- c. County will not withhold state or federal income tax from payment to Contractor;
- d. County will not make disability insurance contributions on behalf of Contractor;
- e. County will not obtain workers' compensation insurance on behalf of Contractor.

- 5.08** Records: It is understood and agreed that all plans, studies, specifications, data magnetically or otherwise recorded on computer or computer diskettes, records, files, reports, etc., in possession of the Contractor relating to the matters covered by this Contract shall be the property of the County, and Contractor hereby agrees to deliver the same to the County upon request. It is understood and agreed that the documents and other materials including but not limited to those set forth hereinabove, prepared pursuant to this Contract are prepared specifically for the County and are not necessarily suitable for any future or other use.
- 5.09** Contractor's Books and Records: Contractor shall maintain any and all ledgers, books of account, invoices, vouchers, canceled checks, and other records or documents evidencing or relating to charges for services or expenditures and disbursements charged to the County for a minimum of three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, from the date of final payment to the Contractor. Any records or documents required to be maintained shall be made available for inspection, audit and/or copying at any time during regular business hours, upon oral or written request of the County.
- 5.10** Assignability of Contract: It is understood and agreed that this Contract contemplates personal performance by the Contractor and is based upon a determination of its unique personal competence and experience and upon its specialized personal knowledge. Assignments of any or all rights, duties or obligations of the Contractor under this Contract will be permitted only with the express written consent of the County.

ARTICLE 6. OBLIGATIONS OF COUNTY

- 6.01** Cooperation of County: County agrees to comply with all reasonable requests of Contractor and to provide access to all documents as permitted by law necessary to the performance of Contractor's duties under this Contract.
- 6.02** Assignment: Neither this Contract nor any duties or obligations under this Contract may be assigned by County without the prior written consent of Contractor.

ARTICLE 7. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

- 7.01** Termination on Occurrence of Stated Events: This Contract shall terminate automatically on the occurrence of any of the following events:
1. Bankruptcy or insolvency of Contractor;
 2. Death of Contractor.
- 7.02** Termination by County for Default of Contractor: Should Contractor default in the performance of this Contract or materially breach any of its provisions, County, at

County's option, may terminate this Contract by giving written notification to Contractor.

7.03 Termination for Convenience of County: County may terminate this Contract at any time by providing a notice in writing to Contractor that the Contract is terminated. Said Contract shall then be deemed terminated and no further work shall be performed by Contractor. If the Contract is so terminated, the Contractor shall be paid for that percentage of the phase of work actually completed, based on a pro rata portion of the compensation for said phase satisfactorily completed at the time the notice of termination is received.

7.04 Termination of Funding: The parties acknowledge that the nature of government finance is unpredictable and that the rights and obligations set forth in this Contract are necessarily contingent upon the receipt and/or appropriation of the necessary funds. In the event that funding is terminated, in whole or in part, for any reason, at any time, this Contract and all obligations of County arising from this Contract shall be immediately discharged. County agrees to inform Contractor no later than thirty (30) calendar days after County determines, in its sole judgment, that funding will be terminated and the final date for which funding will be available.

ARTICLE 8. GENERAL PROVISIONS

8.01 Notices: Any notices to be given hereunder by either party to the other may be effected either by personal delivery in writing or by mail, registered or certified, postage prepaid and return receipt requested. Mailed notices shall be addressed to the parties at the addresses appearing in the introductory paragraph of this Contract, but each party may change the address by written notice in accordance with this paragraph. Notices delivered personally will be deemed communicated as of actual receipt; mailed notices will be deemed communicated as of two (2) days after mailing.

8.02 Entire Agreement of the Parties: This Contract supersedes any and all contracts, either oral or written, between the Parties hereto with respect to the rendering of services by Contractor for County and contains all the covenants and contracts between the Parties with respect to the rendering of such services in any manner whatsoever. Each Party to this Contract acknowledges that no representatives, inducements, promises, or contracts, orally or otherwise, have been made by any Party, or anyone acting on behalf of any Party, which are not embodied herein, and that no other contract, statement, or promise not contained in this Contract shall be valid or binding. Any modification of this Contract will be effective only if it is in writing signed by the Party to be charged and approved by the County as provided herein or as otherwise required by law.

- 8.03 Partial Invalidity: If any provision in this Contract is held by a court or competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.
- 8.04 Attorney's Fees: If any action at law or in equity, including an action for declaratory relief, is brought to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Contract, the prevailing Party will be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, which may be set by the court in the same action or in a separate action brought for that purpose, in addition to any other relief to which that Party may be entitled.
- 8.05 Conformance to Applicable Laws: Contractor shall comply with the standard of care regarding all applicable federal, state and county laws, rules and ordinances. No discrimination shall be made by Contractor in the employment of persons who work under this contract because of race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, sex or religion of such person.
- 8.06 Waiver: In the event that either County or Contractor shall at any time or times waive any breach of this Contract by the other, such waiver shall not constitute a waiver of any other or succeeding breach of this Contract, whether of the same or any other covenant, condition or obligation.
- 8.07 Governing Law: This Contract and all matters relating to it shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and County of Mariposa and any action brought relating to this Contract shall be held exclusively in a state court in the County of Mariposa.


Executed in Mariposa, California, on the date and year first above written.

CONTRACTOR:

COUNTY:

Company Name

County of Mariposa

By: 
 Leon Manich
 California Reforestation

By: 
 John Carrier, Chairman
 Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



 Steven W. Dahlem
 County Counsel

Exhibit A

2016 - 2018 USFS State and Private Forestry Weed Control Grant #16-0365-SF

Mariposa County Yellow Starthistle and Tocalote Control Project and A- and B-rated Weed Species Control Project

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018

Overall Project Goal:

- 1) To stop the spread of yellow star thistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*) and tocalote (*Centaurea melitensis*) into the Sierra and Stanislaus National Forests as well as the Merced River Canyon and Yosemite National Park through the use of integrated weed management techniques and continue over 11 years of successful education, control, management, and eradication efforts.
- 2) To limit the introduction and spread of A- and B-rated weeds, as well as some C-rated weed species, onto non-infested areas of both public and private lands through the use of integrated weed management techniques.

Project Methods:

- 1) Project 1 would continue the local eradication/control efforts in the Merced River Canyon just west and north of the Yosemite National Park Administrative site at El Portal along Incline Road and Highway 140 which began in 2004. The project would: (1) Continue a cooperative cost share program with private landowners in these targeted areas to treat yellow starthistle and tocalote on a 50/50 cost share ratio to continue the aggressive assault on the yellow star thistle seed bank; and (2) treat yellow starthistle and other invasive species with herbicides in the leading edge areas, particularly on the right-of-way areas along approximately 3 miles of Incline Road and also along State Highway 140.
- 2) Project 2 addresses the eventual eradication of the non-native A and B-rated invasive weed species: diffuse and spotted knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa* and *Centaurea maculosa*), rush skeleton weed (*Chondrilla juncea*), Dalmatian toadflax (*Linaria genistifolia* spp. *dalmatica*), oblong spurge (*Euphorbia oblongata*), and C-rated weeds such as French broom (*Genista monspessulana*), Klamath weed (*Hypericum perforatum*), and stinkwort (*Dittrichia graveolens*). This is a continuation of work begun under a previous ARRA Stimulus grant targeting A- & B-rated invasive weed species in Mariposa County.

Tasks to be performed by California Reforestation:

❖ Yellow Starthistle and Tocalote Control Project:

- Continue and intensify eradication and control efforts in the targeted areas, primarily those adjacent to US Forest Service lands, the Merced River Canyon, and Yosemite National Park.

- Contact and work with property owners, agencies, and other stakeholders in the Merced River Canyon and Yosemite National Park areas for the control of yellow star thistle, tocalote, and other invasive noxious weed species with integrated weed management methods.
- Continue to implement a cooperative cost share spray program with private landowners in the Merced River Canyon and Yosemite National Park to continue the aggressive assault on the invasive noxious weed species seed bank.
- Contract with a Pest Control Operator to treat yellow starthistle, tocalote, and other invasive species with herbicides in the leading edge areas, particularly on the right-of-way areas along approximately 3 miles of Incline Road and also along State Highway 140.

❖ **A- and B-rated Invasive Weed Species Control Project:**

- Limit the introduction and spread of A- and B-rated weeds, as well as some C-rated weed species, onto non-infested areas of both public and private lands in Mariposa County.
- Contract with a Pest Control Operator to treat A- and B-rated invasive noxious weed species: diffuse and spotted knapweed, rush skeleton weed, Dalmatian toadflax, and oblong spurge as well as C-rated weeds such as French broom, Klamath weed, and stinkwort in the county with Milestone, Transline, Accord, and other herbicides, particularly along the roadsides, public areas, and other right-of-way areas.

Total Project Cost Estimate for the Yellow Starthistle and Tocalote Control Project and A- and B-rated Weed Species Control Project:

Pest Control Operator – California Reforestation:

Contract Services (pest control operator herbicide applications):

-- Public area/right-of-way/A- and B- rated (+ C-rated) weed control	-	\$ 4,000.00
-- Cost share with landowner (50%) – 40 acres @\$125/ac	-	\$2,500.00

Total Cost - \$ 6,500.00

EXHIBIT B

Mariposa County Budget 2016-2018 Cycle USFS/CDFCA Cooperative Agreement #16-0365-SF

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018

	FY 2016/17	In-kind '16/17	FY 2017/18	In-kind '17/18
Personnel Services				
Contract personnel – Weed Management Coordinator (WMC) - 196 hrs @\$20/hr	\$1,960		\$1,960	
Permanent personnel – In-kind Agricultural Commissioner, Ag & Standards Inspector, Ag & Standards Program Tech, clerical – salary & benefits		\$ 2,500		\$ 2,500
Subtotal Personnel Services	\$1,960	\$ 2,500	\$1,960	\$ 2,500
Operating Expenses				
Contract Services - PCO herbicide treatment – right-of-way applications + applications for A- and B-rated weed control	2,000		2,000	
Contract Services - Cost share with landowner (50%) for herbicide treatments – target acreage 40 acres @\$125/ac	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
Vehicle mileage – WMC - 3000 mi @).54/mi	810		810	
In-kind mileage – 1650 mi @0.54/mi		445.50		445.50
In-kind equipment usage (GPS, camera, etc.)		500		500
Misc. supplies (office supplies, postage, flagging tape, stakes, safety gear, etc.)		50		50
In-kind agency partners (USFS/YNP)		5,888		5,888
Subtotal Operating Expenses	\$4,060	\$ 8,133.50	\$4,060	\$ 8,133.50
Subtotal Personnel Services	\$1,960	\$ 2,500.00	\$1,960	\$ 2,500.00
GRAND Subtotal	\$6,020	\$10,633.50	\$6,020	\$10,633.50
Overhead (@ 10%)	602	1,063.35	602	1,063.35
Totals	\$6,622	\$11,696.85	\$6,622	\$11,696.85
Total USFS/CDFCA - \$13,244				
Total In-kind - \$23,393.70				
Total Amount – USFS/CDFCA + In-kind - \$36,637.70				