



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Agriculture

**Meeting Date:** August 17, 2021

**Department Contact:** Jim Donnelly

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**Item Type:** Regular Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** 45 Minutes

**Agenda Title:**

Discussion and Possible Action Including Approval of Retroactive Cooperative Service Agreement (CSA) with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS), and Wildlife Services (WS), in the Amount of \$189,556 to Provide a Work and Financial Plan for the Mendocino County Integrated Wildlife Damage Management Program, for the Period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

(Sponsor: Agriculture)

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve Retroactive Cooperative Service Agreement (CSA) with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services, and Wildlife Services, in the amount of \$189,556 to provide a work and financial plan for the Mendocino County Integrated Wildlife Damage Management Program for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution authorizing the execution of a Cooperative Agreement and a Work and Financial Plan with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services, Wildlife Services for the Mendocino County Integrated Wildlife Damage Management Program Resolution # 20-092 BOS Agreement # 20-109 and #20-110 on July 14, 2020.

**Summary of Request:**

Attached to this agenda packet is the cooperative agreement and work and financial plan for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the operation of the County's Integrated Wildlife Damage Management Program (IWDM). Approval of this agreement was specifically studied by the Final EIR approved in 2019 and the Wildlife Services IWDM Program was the program selected by the Board of Supervisors. Following execution of these documents, the County would have an operative IWDM Program, which means:

USDA APHIS Wildlife Services (WS) would work with the County Agricultural Department in managing problems caused by wildlife. WS recognizes that wildlife is an important public resource greatly valued by the American people. By its very nature, however, wildlife is a highly dynamic and mobile resource that can damage agricultural and industrial resources, pose risks to human health and safety, and affect other natural resources. The WS program carries out the Federal responsibility for helping to solve problems that occur

when human activity and wildlife are in conflict with one another.

The Wildlife Services program strives to develop and use wildlife damage management strategies that are biologically sound, environmentally safe, and socially acceptable. WS also strives to reduce damage caused by wildlife to the lowest possible levels while at the same time reducing wildlife mortality. This approach represents the future towards which WS is moving. In charting this course, WS must continuously improve and modify wildlife damage management strategies. WS will follow California laws and regulations when performing its duties.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Not approve agreement; provide direction to staff.

**How Does This Item Support the General Plan?** Coyotes, mountain lions, and bobcats repeatedly prey upon lambs, ewes, and other livestock in Mendocino County. Losses can be so great that ranchers turn to other livestock enterprises.

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:** N/A

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** 2710 - 862189

**current f/y cost:** 2021-2022 \$189,556

**annual recurring cost:** TBD

**budget clarification:** Financial Plan for FY 2021-22

**budgeted in current f/y:** Yes

**if no, please describe:**

**revenue agreement:** N/A

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** Yes

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**CEO Liaison:** Cherie Johnson, Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Choose an item.

**CEO Comments:**

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**Executed By:** Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

**Date:** August 18, 2021

**Final Status:** **Direction Given to Staff**

