

September 23, 2008

Board of Supervisors
County of Marin
Civic Center
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Approve a Salary Reimbursement Agreement between the University of California and County of Marin.

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize President to execute agreement in the amount of \$61,250 to reimburse the University of California for payroll and related expenses of a staff associate for sustainable agriculture program in Marin County.

SUMMARY: Coordinator Steve Quirt has been working in the organic and sustainable agriculture position in Marin for the past four years. This position assists farmers and ranchers with business diversification that enhances profitability, and environmental stewardship, and strengthens the viability and long-term success of agriculture in Marin.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for this agreement were included in the FY 08-09 baseline which has been approved by the BOS during Budget Hearings. A technical adjustment has been made therefore there is no budget transfer necessary.

REVIEWED BY:

<input type="checkbox"/> Auditor Controller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

DISCUSSION: This position is also providing support to other county departments including the Agriculture Commissioner's office and Community Development Agency. The position is assisting county staff with organic transitions and certification, and education regarding agriculture and diversification projects. The incumbent also serves as the agriculture representative to the Marin Economic Commission.

Sincerely,

Ellie Rilla, Director
UC Cooperative Extension/Farm Advisor's Office

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