

CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Public Works / Vegetation Management

DATE: December 12, 2016

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve twine storage agreement with Washington State Department of Agriculture

Consent Hearing County Manager

PUBLIC WORKS GOALS:

- Provide safe and efficient transportation systems in Clark County
- Create and maintain a vibrant system of parks, trails and green spaces
- Continue responsible stewardship of public funds
- Promote family-wage job creation and economic development to support a thriving community
- Maintain a healthy, desirable quality of life
- Increase partnerships and foster an engaged, informed community
- Cultivate a nimble, responsive work force
- Make Public Works a great place to work

BACKGROUND

Through agreement with the Washington Department of Agriculture, Vegetation Management inspects fields of hay and straw for certification as weed-free through the Washington Wilderness Hay & Mulch Management program. Certified weed-free hay is required for back country horse travel and weed-free straw is mandated for erosion control at certain construction sites. Local growers voluntarily participate in the program. However, the availability of the designated twine and the cost to have it shipped are a concern. Storing the twine locally will solve these two issues. The agreement with WSDA allows Vegetation Management to distribute the twine to local growers upon completion of the inspection process, while the grower pays WSDA directly. This agreement does not require any additional accounting or paperwork aside from what the county does currently.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This action does not require any changes to codes, plans, or budgets.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This action does propose a new policy by the Weed Board and within Vegetation Management as we have not previously stored weed-free twine.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

All local weed-free producers will be informed of the change via a mailed letter.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

YES	NO	
X		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
	X	Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation
	X	Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be

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		referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager.
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BUDGET DETAILS

Local Fund Dollar Amount	
Grant Fund Dollar Amount	
Account	General Fund
Company Name	

DISTRIBUTION:

Board staff will post all staff reports to The Grid. <http://www.clark.wa.gov/thegrid/>

Attachments: Agreement (3)



Kevin Tyler
Division Manager



Heath H. Henderson, PE
Public Works Director/County Engineer

APPROVED: 
Mark McCauley, County Manager

DATE: 12/21/16



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**AGREEMENT for Storage and Distribution of WWHAM Twine
By Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board**

This Agreement is between the Plant Services Program, Plant Protection Division, Washington State Department of Agriculture (“WSDA”) and the Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board (“Clark County”), allowing Clark County to store special NAISMA twine used to designate certified weed free forage.

The twine remains the property of WSDA until it is distributed to and paid for by certified forage growers certified by Clark County. All such twine will be stored at the following address prior to distribution: **4700 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, WA, 98665.**

Clark County and WSDA will maintain an inventory list of all twine stored at this address. When twine is distributed by the County to a certified WWHAM forage grower, the County will note the number of twine bales/knot strengths distributed on the completed WWHAM Inspection Certificate in PISCES.

Based on the information provided on the completed certificate, WSDA will issue a Statement of Services Rendered in PISCES, for the cost of the twine (currently \$38/twine bale) and shipping costs, if any. Growers will be added to the list of certified growers on WSDA’s website, once their WWHAM certificate is completed in PISCES.

On November 1, 2017, Clark County and WSDA will reconcile the inventory of remaining twine. All left over stock shall be either returned to WSDA or held for the following season.

This agreement will be renewed annually, upon request by Clark County.

Lara Massey, WSDA



Clark County

Date Signed

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Beginning Twine Inventory-

# twine bales	Knot strength
40	170
48	210
48	240
0	440