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SPECIAL ITEM PROPOSED FOR DISCUSSION**Marijuana-Related Enforcement**

Budget Proposal. The DFW budget requests \$1.5 million (\$500,000 General Fund, \$500,900 Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund, and \$500,000 Waste Discharge Permit Fund [WDPF] and seven positions. The SWRCB budget requests \$1.8 million (WDPF) and 11 positions to implement a task force and a priority-driven approach to address the natural resources damage. The DFW proposes shifting \$500,000 from the general enforcement budget to the marijuana task force and backfilling those funds with Fish and Game Preservation Fund.

Staff Recommendation: Approve proposal. Adopt supplemental reporting language requiring the Administration to report back at budget hearings next year on its recommendations to require “215” growers to comply with regular permitting, and any needs for regulation changes to allow law enforcement to accompany regulators for site visits.

VOTE: 3-0 to approve staff recommendation, including SRL.

3930 Department of Pesticide Regulation**Update on Risk Assessments and Fumigants**

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor does not have a budget proposal.

Staff Comments. The department should provide an update on the previous year’s requirement to provide five risk assessments by June 30, 2014. In addition, the department should discuss its current approach to the use of fumigants both in fields and in refrigerated warehouses.

Recommendation: Hold open.

Proposed Action: Approve \$500k to be used for fumigant research grants (one-time, DPR Fund).

VOTE: Hold Open

7300 Agriculture Labor Relations Board

Funding for the ARLB's Office of General Counsel and Administration
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Budget Proposal. The spring finance letter requests \$1.9 million from the General Fund (including \$1.4 million ongoing) and five positions (four attorneys and one field examiner) to address additional workload due to increased caseload responsibilities.

Staff Comments. Staff concurs with the need for the proposal. The ALRB should be prepared to discuss this proposal and any changes that may be needed in the future due to the increased demand for services from farmworkers.

Staff Recommendation: Approve

VOTE: Hold Open

8570 Department of Food and Agriculture

Items Proposed for Vote-Only

1. **Yermo Border Protection Station, Relocation—Spring Finance Letter.** Request for revised cost, scope, and schedule for the Yermo Border Protection Station project in order to add a year to the project timeline and to reduce overall project funding by about \$3 million.

Recommendation: Approve.

VOTE: 2-0 (Jackson not voting)

California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System (CAHSF)—One-Time Adjustment

Budget Proposal. The budget requests \$1 million (General Fund), one-time, to offset the employee compensation increases. The Administration proposes to convene stakeholders to develop a sustainable long-term funding plan for CAHSF.

Staff Recommendation: Approve.

VOTE: Hold Open