



DATE: August 26, 2013

TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners

FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services

SUBJECT: **PEST EXCLUSION ADVISORY NO. 12-2013**
Phytophthora ramorum Work Plans for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013/2014 Will Be Prorated

The United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS) has reduced the federal funding for the *Phytophthora ramorum* (*P.ram*) Program in FY 2013/2014 (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014) **by 17.5% (\$435,960)** from the previous year's funding level of \$2,491,204 to **\$2,055,244**.

Due to this overall funding reduction, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has adjusted the funds allocated to CDFA's Pest Exclusion, CDFA's Plant Pest Diagnostics Lab and the participating California counties for FY 2013/2014 as follows:

Funding Split	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	Reduced Funding Amount from FY12/13
Total for CDFA Activities	\$965,747.00	\$790,393.00	\$175,354.00 (18.8%)
Total for County Activities	\$1,525,457.00	\$1,264,851.00	\$260,606.00 (17.1%)
Total Award Amount	\$2,491,204.00	\$2,055,244.00	\$435,960.00 (17.5%)

In July 2013, CDFA solicited work plans from counties for activities ([PEST EXCLUSION ADVISORY NO. 08-2013](#)) that are required by the following regulation and federal orders:

- **301.92 *Phytophthora ramorum*** (Updated 01-26-12) [HTML](#) - [PDF](#)
- ***Phytophthora ramorum* DA-2012-53** (Update 12-12-12) [HTML](#) - [PDF](#)
- ***Phytophthora ramorum* DA-2013-27** (07-17-13) [HTML](#) - [PDF](#)

The work plans submitted were reviewed and checked for accuracy. They reflected a reduction in cost and activity hours for those counties that were impacted by the deregulation of non-host nurseries in regulated areas ([PHYTOSANITARY ADVISORY NO. 18-2013](#)) However the total dollar amount for all work plans was **\$1,414,175.00** and exceeded the available funding by **\$145,071.69**. As a result, CDFA has developed the following cost saving adjustments:

- All counties that have zero regulated establishments listed on their work plans and have only submitted activity hours for potential trace forward and trace back activities will not be funded due to the low pest risk associated with these potential activities.
- All remaining county work plans will be prorated at a rate of 10%.

These adjustments will bring the total dollar amount allocated for county contracts for the *P.ram* program to \$1,264,851.00 which represents a 17.1% reduction from the funds available for county contracts from



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the previous contract for FY12/13 and reflects the 17.5% reduction that the *P.ram* program received as a whole for FY13/14.

Please prepare a revised *P.ram* Program work plan for FY13/14 with the total dollar amount at a rate of 90% (10% reduction) of the previous plan submitted.

Revised Work Plans are due by September 4, 2013

Send completed Work Plans to: Jennifer Debernardi (jennifer.debernardi@cdfa.ca.gov)

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