

**Attachment 1**

**Farm and Ranch Grant Award Recipients FY 2010/11 second cycle awards**

**Kern County**

Grant Funds Recommended for Approval: \$12,286

Number of Sites: 1

In a rural area of Mojave, over 800 tires were illegally dumped on the easement of a private parcel. The owner has removed about 300 tires at her own expense and is requesting grant funds to remove the remaining 500 tires. The tires are a haven for mosquitoes which can contribute to the already serious problem of West Nile Virus in Kern County. Fencing and signs will be put up to help prevent future dumping.

**Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District**

Grant Funds Recommended for Approval: \$48,729

Number of Sites: 1

A 2,040 acre parcel is in need of cleanup in rural Santa Clara County. The site is privately owned and currently leased for 20 years as a commercial cattle ranch. The waste is composed of 3 abandoned mobile homes, tires, household garbage and household hazardous waste, construction debris, appliances and electronic waste. The illegally dumped waste is a habitat for vector breeding, a hazard to humans that may come in contact with it, and threatens the cattle and wildlife. The lessee will provide in-kind help in the form of the use of his equipment for loading the dumpsters. The threat of future dumping is less likely now that the property is an active cattle ranch. Signs will be posted after cleanup.

**Los Angeles County**

Grant Funds Recommended for Approval: \$30,869

Number of Sites: 1

Several contiguous parcels in northern Los Angeles County zoned for agricultural production are strewn with more than 150 tires, 26 appliances, 1,000 pounds of metal, 40 pieces of electronic waste, household waste, household hazardous waste and construction debris. The waste in this area is so wide spread that it acts as a soil covering which alters the previous soil growth characteristics and makes the land unattractive to sheep grazing. In addition the waste is an attractive nuisance and encourages more dumping. Upon cleanup, no dumping signs will be posted and surveillance will be increased to help make the area less attractive as a dumping grounds.

**Nevada County - Reimbursement Grant**

Grant Funds Recommended for Approval: \$ 4,270

Number of Sites: 1

Over 35 tons of broken roofing tile was illegally dumped onto a privately owned parcel in Grass Valley. The 4.4 acre parcel is zoned for residential agriculture use, but is currently fallow. The owner does not occupy the property, but was notified of the illegal activity by the county. The owner promptly removed the waste, secured the property and is now seeking reimbursement of his expenditures.

ESTIMATED COST: There is currently \$802,972 in the fund. If the proposed grants are approved, \$706,818 will remain in the fund for the remaining cycle for the 2010/11 fiscal year.

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