

Agenda Items – NV Alfalfa Seed Council, Research and Promotion Board

-The Nevada Alfalfa Seed Council, Research and Promotion Board requests permission to expend \$5,000.00 from the 4544-10, Research and Promotion account to donate to a research initiative associated with University of Nevada Cooperative Extension.

This expenditure has the benefits of supporting alfalfa seed research, in the form of allocating out funds to increase the basis of knowledge for *Lygus* treatment. *Lygus* insects are detrimental to the alfalfa seed industry and are consistently an issue with every season. With this donation it will be possible to fund a research campaign that will assist in creating information that will eventually lead to the deterrence of the insects' impact within the industry.

-The Nevada Alfalfa Seed Council, Research and Promotion Board requests permission to expend \$5,000.00 from the 4544-10, Research and Promotion account to donate to the National Alfalfa & Forage Alliance in order to continue funding the initiative to further alfalfa seed research technologies.

The National Alfalfa & Forage Alliance (NAFA) is an organization developed to continually carry-out research on all spectrums of the alfalfa industry. The NV Alfalfa Seed Council annually donates to this body in order to ensure that it maintains membership. This benefits the Council in that it allows immediate access to NAFA documents and incorporates the Council in many research trials that generate positive results due to the locality of the trial's occurrence. NAFA proves to be a valuable resource year-by-year and the Council agrees that it would like to maintain its membership.

-The Nevada Alfalfa Seed Council, Research and Promotion Board requests permission to expend \$2,072.27 from the 4544-10, Research and Promotion account in order to pay assessment dues and maintain membership accreditation with the National Alfalfa Forage Alliance.

This is mandated expenditure incurred by the NV seed council associated with being an annual member of the National Alfalfa & Forage Alliance. Based on the amount of alfalfa acreage produced each year, NAFA charges an assessment fee on a per acre calculation. This provides NAFA the ability to assess Nevada's annual production levels and utilize the funds in order to further research that could possibly be advantageous for the state.