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Subject of Action Item: *Amended*

Invasive Species – Statewide Plant Pest Prevention and Management Program

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Text of Action Item:

NASDA supports initiatives by state departments of agriculture to develop statewide programs that provide time-sensitive and efficient frameworks for evaluating potential environmental impacts of the various pest management activities conducted at the state and local level. As such, NASDA supports and encourages USDA support on the following elements of statewide plant pest prevention and management programs:

- a.) A program environmental impact ~~report (EIR)~~ documents such as Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate the range of plant pest prevention and management activities that can be implemented at the state and local level.
- b.) A statewide plant pest prevention and management ~~program~~ implementation and program development, which include the primary components of pest detection and response, ~~pest prevention and management branches which implement and develop programs~~, and pest prevention and management projects carried out under these programs.
- c.) All components of a state wide plant pest prevention and management program are developed based on an integrated pest management approach (IPM).
- d.) A statewide plant pest prevention and management program that includes an open public participation and comment process that complies with the provisions of state law.

Background & Rationale:

A statewide plant pest prevention and management program allows states and tribal areas to develop an efficient framework for evaluating potential impacts of various pest management activities conducted at the state and local level through documentation such as a comprehensive EIR.

A statewide EIR for pest management activities will better prepare state, local, and tribal governments to address the challenge of invasive species within the context of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and similar laws enacted by state governments.