

Agricultural Commissioner

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101-3400	FY 12/13 Adopted Budget	FY 13/14 CAO Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	874,891	907,426	32,535
Services and Supplies	131,588	91,527	(40,061)
Other Charges	0	0	
Fixed Assets	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,006,479	998,953	(7,526)
REVENUE			
Fed/State	496,700	290,000	(206,700)
Grant	0	0	0
Realignment	0	0	0
Fees/Misc	112,341	329,211	216,870
TOTAL REVENUE	609,041	614,928	5,887
FUND BALANCE	0	0	0
NET COUNTY COST	397,438	384,025	(13,413)

Program Description

Environmental Protection

- Pesticide Enforcement: To protect the public, pesticide applicators, field workers, the environment and agricultural crops from the potential harmful effects of pesticides. This is accomplished through regulating the activities of licensed pest control operators, advisors, pesticide dealers, certified applicators and private applicators, their employees, and other users throughout the county to ensure proper pesticide use. Estimated at 59 % of budget.
- Pest Management and Prevention: To protect the environment, native and

ornamental plantings and the agricultural industry and its access to export markets through exclusion, detection and eradication of significant pests.

Accomplished through inspection of incoming shipments at UPS Distribution Centers and terminal post offices, certification of agricultural products for export, insect trapping programs for quarantine compliance, control of noxious weed pests, detection field surveys, Integrated Pest Management and Biological Control programs. Estimated at 22% of budget.

- Agricultural Information: To provide accurate agricultural production statistics and information to the public and private businesses and governmental agencies and

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to assist citizens with pest identification and control, including biological control techniques. Assist in agriculturally-related land-use and planning issues. Activities include compilation of Annual Crop Report and crop loss and damage assessments. Provide identification and control practices for pests. Estimated at 5% of budget.

Consumer Protection

- **Weighing and Measuring Device Enforcement:** To minimize measurement error in commercial transactions by inspecting and testing all commercial weighing and measuring devices. To remove from service until repaired those devices which do not meet tolerances and specifications. Program elements include inspection and testing of all commercial gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, hydrocarbon vapor, compressed natural gas, liquefied petroleum, water and electric meters (not under PUC). Inspection and testing of commercial general use scales from gold to truck scales. Also regulate device repairmen activities, weigh master and petroleum enforcement. Estimated at 10% of budget.
- **Package Quality Control:** Provide that sales of goods, services, and commodities sold directly over weighing or measuring devices or in packaged form are accurately measured and comply with labeling and methods of sale requirements. Activities include: Retail market inspection, Test Purchases, Undercover purchases, General quantity control, Investigation of Firewood complaints, and testing of price scanners. Estimated at ~1% of budget.
- **Fruit, Vegetable and Egg Quality Control:** To ensure the consumer is offered fresh, healthy, properly labeled and packaged agricultural commodities through enforcement of State standards pertaining to fruits, nuts, vegetables, honey, and eggs sold at wholesale and retail outlets throughout Yuba County. Program Elements are: Wholesale and retail produce & egg inspection, growing-grounds verification for issuing Certified Producer Certificates, monitoring Certified Farmer Markets and Registration and inspection of Organic growers. Estimated at 2% of budget.
- **Nursery Protection:** To provide consumers with pest free nursery stock and to provide agriculture with graded and standardized products by inspecting incoming and locally produced nursery stock. Program Elements: wholesale inspection of producing nurseries, periodic inspection of retail nurseries. Estimated at – 1% of budget.
- **Seed Inspection:** To provide good quality seed for agricultural and home use which is properly tested and labeled ensuring that seed meets germination and purity standards and is free from harmful weed seeds. Program Elements: Wholesale and retail seed inspection, maintenance of seed purity and germination standards. Estimated at – 1% of budget.

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Miscellaneous Programs

- Serve as coordinator for HR 2389 Federal Forest Reserve Funds for Yuba County.
- Facilitate Yuba County Fish and Game Advisory Commission.
- Serve as an advisor to the Yuba Sutter Weed Management area committee.
- Served on County Workforce Planning Committee & Budget Committee
- Legislative, Finance, Pesticide Regulatory Affairs, Long Range Planning Committee representative.
- Serve in Planning/Intelligence Section for County Emergency Response Plan
- Serve on Williamson Act Subcommittee and West Nile Task Force.
- Serve as an advisor to the Yuba Sutter Butte Sub-Water Quality Coalition.

Workload Indicators	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014 Estimated
Permits, Operator I.D. and Certifications	425	425
Notices of Intent	1,150	1,250
Pesticide Use Reports	11,500	12,000
PUE Inspections and Investigations	420	420
PUE Compliance & Enforcement Actions	9	12
Quarantine Shipments/Packages Inspected	2,200	2,300
Notices of Rejection	10	10
Agricultural Pytosanitary Exports	475	500
Weights and Measure Devices Registered	2,150	2,200

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Accomplishments FY 2012/2013

- The Agricultural Commissioner has as of May 2013 completed a one year term as President of the state wide organization of California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA).
- As the President of CACASA, the Yuba County Agricultural Commissioner participated as a delegate to Washington D.C. This will be the fifth year the Yuba County Agricultural Commissioner will serve on a Washington D.C. delegation to support local and statewide agricultural and weights and measures issues.
- The Agriculture Commissioner went to China to help stream line local exports to that country.
- The Department secured state and private funds totaling @ \$30,000.00 through the Yuba – Sutter Weed Management Area (WMA), California Department of Agriculture (CDFA) Hydrilla Project and North Yuba Water District for further eradication of Hydrilla (an aquatic weed pest) In the Oregon House area.
- With approval of the Board of Supervisors, the Commissioner administered the Federal Forestry Reserve Payment (HR 2389) Forest Reserve Payment, Title III projects. This program has been extended through 2014.
- The Department has worked though many of the ongoing technological issues discovered during implementation of the new version of Cal Ag Permits a new state wide web bases pesticide permitting program that allows staff to issue pesticide permits using GIS technology.
- Secured a contract with California Rice Commission (CRC) for after hours enforcement for a particular rice herbicide.
- Our newest licensed Biologist became qualified by exam to issue USDA Federal Phytosanitary Export Certificates for Yuba County for a period of three years.
- Worked with Farm Bureau, Yuba Sutter Chamber of Commerce, Sutter County Ag Department and others to revise the existing Yuba Sutter Farm Stands map highlighting agricultural production of local growers, roadside retail sales locations, farmers market and related agricultural enterprises.
- Secured private funds to help offset expense of the USDA Wildlife Services Specialist (County Trapper) - included in this budget unit. Worked with county public works department, various water districts along with County residents to improve water drainage and flood control in various locations throughout the County.
- The Agricultural Commissioner is reviewing and commenting on all planning documents that are sent to this office for review. The Agricultural Commissioner worked with the planning department to address and provide comments on the agriculture element of the General Plan. Additionally, the Agricultural Commissioner has begun discussions with the Planning Department on “policies” for the General Plan.
- Professional licensed staff was able to review and implement a sub metering program for devices that had not been addressed due to limited staffing and licensing issues.
- The Agricultural Commissioner participated in the General Plan public meetings.
- Worked with area growers to address water quality issues and represented the County on the Yuba-Sutter-Butte Sub-watershed Coalition a non-profit group and the Sacramento River Water Quality Coalition to implement the Conditional Waiver for Irrigated Agricultural lands.

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- Participated with SACOG in various outreach programs – including a grower/processor survey on the impact of complying with regulations as well as agricultural transportation issues.
- Agricultural Commissioner continues to serve on the Work Force Planning Committee.
- Agricultural Commissioner has completed five full years of facilitating the Yuba County Fish and Game Commission which has demanded a considerable departmental time commitment.
- Our last licensed biologist became qualified by state exam to secure the position of Agricultural Weights and Specialist III.
- Create the mandatory Pesticide Work Plan and submit it to the California Department of Pesticide Regulations (CDPR) for approval.
- Assure our Licensed Biologists maintain through federal exam their qualifications as a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) ACO exporter accreditation.
- Update the Department safety program to address current standards.
- Serve as necessary on the Yuba County “Strike Team”, the West Nile Virus Task Force and other groups intended to prepare for and provide for the safety of the citizens of Yuba County during countywide emergencies.
- Continue working through CACASA to negotiate increased funding through the unclaimed gas tax distribution and the Pesticide Mill Assessment as well as federal funding for priority pest detection programs.

Goals and Objectives

FY 2013/2014

- Continue pursuing revenue sources that would benefit the Department and the County, while focusing on maintaining expenditures at a minimum.
- Continue to incorporate the new statewide permit system (Cal Ag Permits). This will require working with the development company, Department of Pesticide Regulation, industry, growers, Yuba County I.T. as well as other counties. Provide training resources to staff as we continue implementation of the Cal Ag Permits program to encourage “on-line reporting” with the regulated industry and growers.
- Work with Yuba Sutter Farm Bureau, Farm Services Agency, and Resource Conservation District on agricultural related issues that have the potential to affect Yuba County.
- Make all necessary adjustments to the department workload to assure as many Agricultural Phyto sanitary exports take place, to help keep Yuba County exporters competitive world wide.
- Administer the remaining Federal Forestry Reserve Payment (HR 2389) Title III funds to implement programs approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- Continue working with area growers to address agriculturally related water quality issues and to represent Yuba County on the Sacramento River Water Quality and the Butte-Sutter-Yuba Sub-watershed Coalitions.
- Serve as a resource to Board of Supervisors and the Planning Department during the updating of the County’s policies as per the General Plan and participate in various committees as requested by the Board or County Administrator.
- Secure additional funding through the Yuba Sutter WMA and private sources for Hydrilla eradication project as well as compete for statewide supplemental funding for same.
- Incorporate Yuba County/UPS delivery center inspection program to include trained canine inspection to detect illegal plant shipments.

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Fish and Game

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EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	0	0	0
Services and Supplies	15,750	10,750	(5,000)
Other Charges	2,385	2,998	613
Fixed Assets	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	18,135	13,748	(4,387)
REVENUE			
Fed/State	0	0	0
Grant	11,250	6,250	(5,000)
Realignment	0	0	0
Fees/Misc	4,500	4,500	0
TOTAL REVENUE	15,750	10,750	(5,000)
FUND BALANCE	2,385	2,998	613
NET COUNTY COST	0	0	0

COUNTY OF YUBA
 BUDGET EXPENDITURE DETAIL
 BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2010-2011	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2011-2012	BOS APPROVED 2012-2013	CAO RECOMMENDED 2013-2014
AGRICULTURE COMM & SEALER					
Salaries & Benefits					
101-3400-426.01-01	REGULAR	644,276	634,507	638,942	664,830
101-3400-426.01-04	OVERTIME	17,034	10,620	17,000	0
101-3400-426.02-02	CO SHARE PERS	82,124	87,597	91,270	101,120
101-3400-426.02-04	GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	107,823	100,700	102,701	114,068
101-3400-426.02-05	MEDICARE	6,702	6,324	6,438	6,825
101-3400-426.02-06	WORKERS COMP INS	24,457	14,550	13,590	15,399
101-3400-426.02-07	LIFE INSURANCE	401	375	372	392
101-3400-426.02-08	UNEMPLOYMENT INS	3,294	3,198	3,197	3,384
101-3400-426.02-09	RETIREE HEALTHCARE INS	0	1,339	1,381	1,408
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*	Salaries & Benefits	886,111	859,210	874,891	907,426
Services & Supplies					
101-3400-426.10-00	AGRIC. SUPPLIES	0	0	200	200
101-3400-426.12-00	COMMUNICATION	2,095	1,795	2,340	2,500
101-3400-426.15-00	INSURANCE	6,455	7,042	3,267	1,632
101-3400-426.17-00	MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	5,987	5,496	7,195	7,195
101-3400-426.20-00	MEMBERSHIPS	2,700	2,760	3,710	3,710
101-3400-426.22-00	OFFICE EXPENSE	4,675	7,458	8,793	8,040
101-3400-426.23-00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	57,296	57,024	60,970	30,250
101-3400-426.27-00	SMALL TOOLS/INSTRUMENTS	19	0	250	250
101-3400-426.28-00	SPECIAL DPMT EXPENSE	2,777	770	8,011	8,000
101-3400-426.29-00	TRAVEL	59,058	49,671	63,852	59,750
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*	Services & Supplies	141,062	132,016	158,588	121,527
Other Charges					
101-3400-426.53-01	A-87 CHARGES	105,718	86,532	0	0
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	Cost Reimbursements				
101-3400-426.90-00	REIMBURSEMENTS	21,000-	32,000-	27,000-	30,000-
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*	Cost Reimbursements	21,000-	32,000-	27,000-	30,000-
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**	AGRICULTURE COMM & SEALER	1,111,891	1,045,758	1,006,479	998,953
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FISH & GAME					
Services & Supplies					
104-9000-427.23-00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	7,505	8,385	15,750	10,750
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*	Services & Supplies	7,505	8,385	15,750	10,750
Other Charges					
104-9000-427.53-01	A-87 CHARGES	112	1,343	2,385	2,998
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*	Other Charges	112	1,343	2,385	2,998
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**	FISH & GAME	7,617	9,728	18,135	13,748
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