

Agricultural Commissioner & Sealer

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101-3400	FY 13/14 Adopted Budget	FY 14/15 CAO Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	922,426	924,782	2,356
Services and Supplies	141,627	150,139	8,512
Other Charges	(32,000)	(32,000)	0
Fixed Assets	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,032,053	1,042,921	10,868
REVENUE			
Fed/State	285,717	276,346	(9,371)
Grant	0	0	0
Realignment	0	0	0
Fees/Misc	329,211	337,541	8,330
TOTAL REVENUE	614,928	613,887	(1,041)
FUND BALANCE	0	0	0
NET COUNTY COST	417,125	429,034	11,909

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 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 pest

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management strategies. Estimated at 5% of budget.

Consumer Protection (Weights & Measures)

- **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, weighmaster 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.

Consumer Protection (Agriculture)

- **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.

- **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.
- **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.

Miscellaneous Programs

- Serve as coordinator for HR2389 Federal Forest Reserve Funds for Yuba County (Title III funds for Firesafe Council).
- 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

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- Legislative, Finance, Pesticide Regulatory Affairs, Long Range Planning Committee, DC Delegation representative for professional association.

Workload Indicators	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015 Estimated
Permits, Operator I.D. and Certifications	425	400
Notices of Intent	1,250	800
Pesticide Use Reports	12,000	13,000
Inspections and Investigations	420	400
PUE Compliance & Enforcement Actions	12	10
Quarantine Shipments/Packages Inspected	2,300	2,300
Notices of Rejection	10	10
Agricultural Phytosanitary Exports	565	570
Weights and Measure Devices Registered	2,200	2,250

- 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.

Accomplishments

FY 2013-2014

- The Agricultural Commissioner is currently serving as the immediate Past President of the state wide organization of California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA).
- As the Past President of CACASA, the Yuba County Agricultural Commissioner

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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 Department completed and submitted the three year mandatory Pesticide Work Plan to the California Department of Pesticide Regulations (CDPR).
- Department staff completed a record 570 Federal Phytosanitary exports during the last twelve months. These exports were able to put Yuba County agricultural products in 25 countries.
- Three of the departments licensed biologist re-qualified by federal exam which qualifies them as ACOs that can write Federal Phytosanitary export certificates for three years which is a significant benefit to Yuba County growers and exporters
- The Department, Sutter County RCD and Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) are working on a grant application that would continue eradication efforts to control the Hydrilla infestation in the North Yuba Water District Oregon House Ditch if approved would continue eradication efforts in 2015 and 2016.
- 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 CalAgPermits 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 hour's enforcement for a specific rice herbicide.
- 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 and public DWR 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 department 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.
- 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.

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- Agricultural Commissioner continues to serve on the Work Force Planning Committee.
- Agricultural Commissioner has completed five years of facilitating the Yuba County Fish and Game Commission which has demanded a considerable departmental time and commitment.
- 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. Drought effects being the primary issue of concern.

Goals and Objectives

FY 2014-2015

- Pursuing revenue sources that would benefit the Department and the County, while focusing on maintaining expenditures at a minimum.
- Coordinate with Sutter and Nevada county weights and measures officials to identify all the specifications needed before the open bidding process takes place to replace the shared Heavy Capacity Truck.
- Work with all Federal State and Local emergency agencies and departments to best position Yuba County Agriculture to become eligible for all drought relief that will become available through the various programs as the ongoing divesting drought continues.
- Maintain an active role with the Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) and the California Commissioner and Sealers Association (CACASA) in the development of the CALPEATS pesticide inspection program.
- Continue to incorporate the new evolving statewide permit system (CalAgPermits). 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 CalAgPermits program to encourage “on-line reporting” with the regulated industry and growers.
- Make all necessary adjustments to the department workload to assure as many Agricultural Phytosanitary exports take place, to help keep Yuba County exporters be competitive world wide.
- Assure all our Licensed Biologists maintain through federal exam, their qualifications as a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) ACO exporter accreditation.
- 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.
- 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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Pending Issues/Policy Considerations FY 2014-2015

- Walnut theft in Yuba County continues to be a problem to Walnut growers and processors. The department in conjunction with YS Farm Bureau, walnut industry will seek to bring forward a “Walnut Theft Ordinance” for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.
- The Department continues to provide resources for facilitation of the Fish and Game Advisory Commission. Should the department continue in this capacity, funding resources should be considered.
- The Agricultural Commissioner is working with the Planning Department on providing land use recommendations adjacent to agriculture operations. Potential agricultural buffers may be an issue that will need to be addressed by the Board of Supervisors.
- USDA Wildlife Services Specialist (County Trapper) provides for non-domestic animal damage control including education and outreach. This program has been on verge of termination due to budget constraints. It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors consider this program’s priority during the budget process.

Fish and Game

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104-9000	FY 13/14 Adopted Budget	FY 14/15 CAO Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	0	0	0
Services and Supplies	10,750	9,000	(1,750)
Other Charges	2,998	0	(2,998)
Fixed Assets	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	13,748	9,000	(4,748)
REVENUE			
Fed/State	0	0	0
Grant	6,250	4,500	(1,750)
Realignment	0	0	0
Fees/Misc	4,500	4,500	0
TOTAL REVENUE	10,750	9,000	(1,750)
FUND BALANCE	2,998	0	(2,998)
NET COUNTY COST	0	0	0

Program Description

The Commission shall review all fish and game proposed appropriations, expenditures, programs and the administration of said programs that are within the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors for the purpose of making recommendations relating to said programs, and to recommend new programs to the Board of Supervisors.

- Hosted several Boat Safety Days at Bullard’s Bar.
- Participated in the annual Kiwanis Fishing Derby.
- Hosted a booth at the Yuba/Sutter Fair promoting the Yuba County Fish and Game Commission and the Yuba County Water Agency.
- Successfully acquired outside grants for additional activities.

Accomplishments FY 2013-2014

- Partnered or sponsored three junior pheasant hunts.
- Hosted Frank Allen Fishing Event in upper Yuba River.
- Received grant from National Rifle Association for pheasant hunt.
- Participated in the annual River Clean-Up Day.

Goals and Objectives FY 2014-2015

- Provide for junior pheasant hunt in late October/early November pending state decision and funding.
- Utilize YCWA grant funds for Frank Allen Fishing Event.
- Fair booth promoting Yuba County Fish and Game Commission and Yuba County Water Agency.

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- Continue boat safety day at Bullard's Bar.
- Continue participation in the annual River Clean-Up Day.
- Expand activities pending additional funding.

Pending Issues/Policy Considerations FY 2014-2015

- The Commission will review the current bylaws for appropriateness and report to the Board of Supervisors for direction.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2011-2012	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2012-2013	BOS APPROVED 2013 - 2014	CAO RECOMMENDED 2014 - 2015
AGRICULTURE COMM & SEALER					
Salaries & Benefits					
101-3400-426.01-01	REGULAR	634,507	640,748	664,830	682,574
101-3400-426.01-04	OVERTIME	10,620	11,749	15,000	5,000
101-3400-426.02-02	CO SHARE PERS	87,597	91,242	101,120	108,912
101-3400-426.02-04	GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	100,700	104,867	114,068	115,002
101-3400-426.02-05	MEDICARE	6,324	6,361	6,825	6,899
101-3400-426.02-06	WORKERS COMP INS	14,550	13,590	15,399	4,531
101-3400-426.02-07	LIFE INSURANCE	375	372	392	400
101-3400-426.02-08	UNEMPLOYMENT INS	3,198	3,197	3,384	0
101-3400-426.02-09	RETIREE HEALTHCARE INS	1,339	1,375	1,408	1,464
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*	Salaries & Benefits	859,210	873,501	922,426	924,782
Services & Supplies					
101-3400-426.10-00	AGRIC. SUPPLIES	0	0	200	200
101-3400-426.12-00	COMMUNICATION	1,795	7,184	2,500	2,500
101-3400-426.15-00	INSURANCE	7,042	3,267	1,632	2,436
101-3400-426.17-00	MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	5,496	7,075	7,195	11,635
101-3400-426.20-00	MEMBERSHIPS	2,760	2,760	3,710	3,710
101-3400-426.22-00	OFFICE EXPENSE	7,458	6,784	8,040	8,040
101-3400-426.23-00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	57,024	56,896	50,350	51,250
101-3400-426.27-00	SMALL TOOLS/INSTRUMENTS	0	132	250	250
101-3400-426.28-00	SPECIAL DPMT EXPENSE	770	838	8,000	8,000
101-3400-426.29-00	TRAVEL	49,671	50,735	59,750	59,750
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*	Services & Supplies	132,016	135,671	141,627	147,771
Other Charges					
101-3400-426.53-01	A-87 CHARGES	86,532	0	0	2,368
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*	Other Charges	86,532	0	0	2,368

COUNTY OF YUBA
 CAO RECOMMENDED BUDGET DETAIL
 FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2011-2012	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2012-2013	BOS APPROVED 2013 - 2014	CAO RECOMMENDED 2014 - 2015
	Other Financing Uses				
101-3400-426.85-02	COMPENSATED ABSENCES	24,029	2,005	0	0
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*	Other Financing Uses	24,029	2,005	0	0
	Cost Reimbursements				
101-3400-426.90-00	REIMBURSEMENTS	32,000-	32,000-	32,000-	32,000-
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*	Cost Reimbursements	32,000-	32,000-	32,000-	32,000-
**	AGRICULTURE COMM & SEALER	1,069,787	979,177	1,032,053	1,042,921
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FISH & GAME					
Services & Supplies					
104-9000-427.23-00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	8,385	7,425	10,750	9,000
*	Services & Supplies	8,385	7,425	10,750	9,000
Other Charges					
104-9000-427.53-01	A-87 CHARGES	1,343	2,385	2,998	0
*	Other Charges	1,343	2,385	2,998	0
**	FISH & GAME	9,728	9,810	13,748	9,000
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