

Agricultural Commissioner & Sealer

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101-3400	FY 15/16 Adopted Budget	FY 16/17 CAO Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	925,234	905,980	(19,254)
Services and Supplies	157,466	170,967	13,501
Other Charges	(21,143)	(23,693)	(2,550)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,061,557	1,053,254	(8,303)
REVENUE			
Fed/State	484,628	475,693	(8,935)
Grant	0	0	0
Realignment	0	0	0
Fees/Misc	115,372	116,796	1,424
TOTAL REVENUE	600,000	592,489	(7,511)
FUND BALANCE	0	0	0
NET COUNTY COST	461,557	460,765	(792)

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, pilots, 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 and 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 management strategies. Estimated at 5% of budget.

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

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Workload Indicators	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
	Estimated	Estimated
Permits, Operator I.D. and Certifications	354	360
Notices of Intent	1276	1300
Pesticide Use Reports	15,960	15,000
Inspections and Investigations	420	400
PUE Compliance & Enforcement Actions	2	5
Quarantine Shipments/Packages Inspected	600	650
Notices of Rejection	10	10
Agricultural Phytosanitary Exports	321	340
Weights and Measure Devices Registered	1,977	2,000

- Serve in Planning/Intelligence Section for County Emergency Response Plan.
- Serve as an advisor to the Yuba Sutter Butte Sub-Water Quality Coalition.

Accomplishments

FY 2015-2016

- The Agricultural Commissioner served as Past President of the statewide organization of California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA) and has served on various committees and special projects for the Association.
- Through the Department, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance “relating to the prevention of nut crop theft.” The ordinance provided requirements for the

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- purchase and sale of walnuts to protect the Yuba County walnut industry.
- The Agricultural Commissioner in conjunction with the California Rice Commission (CRC), California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR) and the Sacramento Valley Agricultural Commissioners of rice growing counties worked successfully with US Environmental Protection Agency Office of Pesticide Programs to establish acceptable conditions for the (mandatory pesticide use limitations for thiobencarb).
- Department staff completed 269 Federal Phytosanitary exports during the last twelve months. This is down from the previous year record number of 570. The main reason for the smaller number was the quantity of product per export is up. More products were exported per phytosanitary certificate resulting in larger shipments abroad. Also, the timber export company moved to another county to conduct these exports. Yuba county exports were able to put Yuba County agricultural products in 25 countries.
- Five of the department's licensed biologist (one retired at the end of 2014) took and passed the federal security exam, which is a qualification for ACOs to continue to write Federal Phytosanitary export certificates. This is a significant benefit to Yuba County growers and exporters.
- With approval of the Board of Supervisors, the Commissioner administered the Federal Forestry Reserve Payment (HR 2389) Forest Reserve Payment, Title III projects.
- The Department has worked though many of the ongoing technological issues discovered during implementation of the new version of CalAgPermits a new statewide 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 specific rice herbicide.
- Worked with Farm Bureau and Yuba Sutter Farm Extension to provide pesticide training in both English and Spanish at the Spray Safe program held at the Fairgrounds for a large group of farm employers and employees.
- 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 and various water districts, along with County residents, to improve water drainage and flood control in various locations throughout the County.
- Agricultural Commissioner began discussions with the Planning Department on conditions for the County Use Permit (CUP) to address permanent agricultural crops on the zoned residential properties in the Country Club Rd area of the county.
- Agricultural Commissioner and Professional licensed staff met with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) lead staff and the Certified Farmers Market Managers (CFMM) in the foothill areas of the county to help them better understand the new more ridged laws placed upon the CFMM and the Certified Producers who sell at these markets.
- 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 meeting with growers to address the feasibility of a

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- farm to fork program adopting proposed work strategies in a recent SACOG study.
- Agricultural Commissioner continued to serve on the Work Force Planning Committee.
- Agricultural Commissioner completed seventh year of facilitating the Yuba County Fish and Game Commission, which has demanded a considerable departmental time and commitment.

Goals and Objectives

FY 2016-2017

- Pursuing revenue sources that would benefit the Department and the County, while focusing on maintaining expenditures at a minimum.
- Pursue a grant opportunity through CDFA for a noxious weed detection program in the mountainous areas of the county.
- 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 devastating 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.
- 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 with drought effects being the primary issue of concern.
- Make all necessary adjustments to the department workload to assure as many Agricultural Phytosanitary exports take place as possible, to help keep Yuba County exporters competitive worldwide.
- Assure all our Licensed Biologists maintain 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.
- 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, County Use Permits (CUP) and participate in various committees as requested by the Board or County Administrator.
- Secure additional funding through the Yuba Sutter WMA, CDFA and private sources for Hydrilla eradication project as well as compete for statewide supplemental funding for same.

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Pending Issues/Policy Considerations FY 2016-2017

- 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 and the Yuba County Sheriff will review the current “Walnut Theft Ordinance” to see if any amendments are needed.
- 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.
- Provide training and resources for new biologist who will start working in late spring for the department.
- The “Fire Safe Coordinator” agreement will end June 30th, 2015. The Board of Supervisors will need to make a decision as to whether “county funds” should be used to extend the program for fiscal year 2016/17 or allow the “Fire Safe Coordinator” position to end.
- USDA Wildlife Services Specialist (County Trapper) provides for non-domestic animal damage control including education and outreach. It is recommended the Board of Supervisors consider this program’s priority during the budget process.

Fish and Game

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104-9000	FY 15/16 Adopted Budget	FY 16/17 CAO Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	0	0	0
Services and Supplies	14,125	14,125	0
Other Charges	0	0	0
Fixed Assets	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	14,125	14,125	0
REVENUE			
Fed/State	0	0	0
Grant	9,625	0	(9,625)
Realignment	0	0	0
Fees/Misc	4,500	14,125	9,625
TOTAL REVENUE	14,125	14,125	0
FUND BALANCE	0	0	0
NET COUNTY COST	0	0	0

Program Description

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

- 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
- Bylaw revision process

Goals and Objectives

FY 2016-2017

Accomplishments

FY 2015-2016

- Sponsored three junior pheasant hunts
- Frank Allen Fishing Event in upper Yuba River
- Participated in the annual River Cleanup Day
- Boat Safety Day at Bullard's Bar
- Participated in the annual Kiwanis Fishing Derby
- Spenceville Shooting Range Cleanup

- 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
- Continue Boat Safety Day at Bullard's Bar
- Continue participation in the annual River Cleanup Day

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- Complete Fish and Game Advisory Commission bylaw process with Board of Supervisors approval
- Expand activities pending additional funding

Pending Issues/Policy Considerations FY 2016-2017

- Seek Brown Act training for Fish and Game Commissioners

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2013-2014	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2014-2015	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2015-2016	CAO RECOMMENDED 2016-2017
AGRICULTURE COMM & SEALER					
Salaries & Benefits					
101-3400-426.01-01	REGULAR	666,372	658,666	666,761	637,213
101-3400-426.01-04	OVERTIME	8,047	13,017	10,000	10,000
101-3400-426.01-05	HOLIDAY PAY	880	148	0	0
101-3400-426.01-07	VACATION PAY	0	15,185	0	0
101-3400-426.02-02	CO SHARE PERS	99,601	105,088	111,882	109,104
101-3400-426.02-04	GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	110,578	103,002	118,233	129,546
101-3400-426.02-05	MEDICARE	6,669	6,657	6,655	9,240
101-3400-426.02-06	WORKERS COMP INS	15,399	4,531	4,710	5,219
101-3400-426.02-07	LIFE INSURANCE	392	586	668	668
101-3400-426.02-08	UNEMPLOYMENT INS	3,384	0	3,306	1,912
101-3400-426.02-09	RETIREE HEALTHCARE INS	1,415	2,075	3,019	3,078
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*	Salaries & Benefits	912,737	908,955	925,234	905,980
Services & Supplies					
101-3400-426.10-00	AGRIC. SUPPLIES	172	0	200	200
101-3400-426.12-00	COMMUNICATION	2,123	2,434	3,354	4,260
101-3400-426.15-00	INSURANCE	1,632	2,436	2,527	2,841
101-3400-426.17-00	MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	9,360	9,380	18,385	15,208
101-3400-426.20-00	MEMBERSHIPS	2,885	3,050	4,000	4,000
101-3400-426.22-00	OFFICE EXPENSE	15,583	5,628	9,000	9,000
101-3400-426.23-00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	56,441	54,455	51,250	51,158
101-3400-426.27-00	SMALL TOOLS/INSTRUMENTS	100	237	1,000	1,000
101-3400-426.28-00	SPECIAL DPMT EXPENSE	186	6,649	8,000	8,000
101-3400-426.29-00	TRAVEL	54,881	54,288	59,750	75,300
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*	Services & Supplies	143,363	138,557	157,466	170,967
Other Charges					
101-3400-426.53-01	A-87 CHARGES	0	2,368	857	693-

COUNTY OF YUBA
CAO RECOMMENDED BUDGET DETAIL
FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2013-2014	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2014-2015	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2015-2016	CAO RECOMMENDED 2016-2017
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*	Other Charges	0	2,368	857	693-
	Cost Reimbursements				
101-3400-426.90-00	REIMBURSEMENTS	32,000-	33,000-	22,000-	23,000-
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*	Cost Reimbursements	32,000-	33,000-	22,000-	23,000-
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**	AGRICULTURE COMM & SEALER	1,024,100	1,016,880	1,061,557	1,053,254
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COUNTY OF YUBA
CAO RECOMMENDED BUDGET DETAIL
FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2013-2014	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2014-2015	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2015-2016	CAO RECOMMENDED 2016-2017
FISH & GAME					
Services & Supplies					
104-9000-427.23-00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	11,690	3,684	14,125	14,125
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*	Services & Supplies	11,690	3,684	14,125	14,125
Other Charges					
104-9000-427.53-01	A-87 CHARGES	2,998	0	0	0
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*	Other Charges	2,998	0	0	0

**	FISH & GAME	14,688	3,684	14,125	14,125
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