

Bi-County Farm Advisor

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Bi-County Farm Advisor Agriculture Extension 101-6300	FY 21/22 Adopted Budget	FY 22/23 CAO Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits			\$0
Services and Supplies	\$106,857	\$135,851	\$28,994
Other Charges	\$0	\$72	\$72
Fixed Assets			\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$106,857	\$135,923	\$29,066
REVENUE			
Fed/State			\$0
Grant			\$0
Realignment			\$0
Fees/Misc			\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$0	\$0	\$0
FUND BALANCE			\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$106,857	\$135,923	\$29,066

Mission / Program Discussion

The Bi-County Farm Advisor's Office (UCCE Sutter/Yuba Counties) operates under an agreement with Sutter and Yuba counties and the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE). This relationship has been in place since 1918. The Bi-County Farm Advisor Office's mission is to provide research-based educational programs to the residents of the two counties including agriculture, natural resources, youth development, home gardening, and nutrition education.

Sutter County is the designated lead agency for the Bi-County Farm Advisor Department, which is located in Yuba City. Sutter County bills Yuba County for its portion of the budget. Apportionment of costs. The proportions agreed upon by the two funding counties is 63% from Sutter County and 37% from Yuba County. This formula is based historically on a comprehensive evaluation of the workloads and an approximation of the time spent delivering UCCE programs in the respective counties.

UCCE Sutter-Yuba secures grants and gifts to augment County and UC funding, allowing staff to conduct activities and purchase equipment that UC or County budgets do not permit. The University of California contributed over \$2.5 million in FY 2019-20 to support the local UC Cooperative Extension office through direct and indirect support.

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Goals

The Bi-County Farm Advisor Department's goals for FY 2022-23 are identical to the Department's goals for FY 2021-22 and align with the Board of Supervisor's Goal H: *"Protect, support, and enhance Sutter County's rich agricultural base."*

1. To increase the number and diversity of clientele reached through extension and applied research programs in agriculture and natural resources.
2. To increase the number and diversity of youth reached through 4-H and CalFresh Healthy Living programs; which supports the next generation's capacity to be involved in agriculture and natural resources.

Use of Fund Balance

This budget unit is within the General Fund.

The General Fund has a Committed Fund Balance for Farm Advisor/Agriculture Building to collect money to fund future improvements to the Sutter County-owned Farm Advisor/Agriculture Building. Each year, as directed by the Board of Supervisors through the annual budget, \$5,000 is budgeted in the Farm Advisor budget and in the Non-Departmental Expense (1-103) budget unit to increase the General Fund Committed Fund Balance for Farm Advisor/Agriculture Building account (#37309). Yuba County has agreed to participate in this expense and is billed annually for its proportionate share of the cost.

Major Budget Changes

Replacement Vehicle Request - \$31,000

Extra Help - \$34,415