

Bi-County Farm Advisor

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Bi-County Farm Advisor Agriculture Extension 101-6300	FY 22/23 Adopted Budget	FY 23/24 CAO Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits			\$0
Services and Supplies	\$135,851	\$151,891	\$16,040
Other Charges	\$72	\$72	\$0
Fixed Assets			\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$135,923	\$151,963	\$16,040
REVENUE			
Fed/State			\$0
Grant			\$0
Realignment			\$0
Fees/Misc			\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$0	\$0	\$0
FUND BALANCE			\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$135,923	\$151,963	\$16,040

Mission / Program Description

The Bi-County Farm Advisor's Office (UCCE Sutter/Yuba Counties) operates under an agreement with the Counties of Sutter and Yuba 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, as agreed 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 roughly \$2 million in FY 2022-23 to support the local UC Cooperative Extension office through direct and indirect support.

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Goals and Objectives

FY 2023-2024

The Bi-County Farm Advisor Department's goals for FY 2023-24 are identical to the department's goals for FY 2022-23 and align with the Board of Supervisor's Goal H: "Protect, support, and enhance Sutter County's rich agricultural base."

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