

AGRICULTURE

- The Department budget request includes additional funding to remodel the Chico district Agriculture office to replace carpet, increase lighting, paint, and replace the ceiling.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

- The recommendation includes sufficient appropriations to maintain fiscal year 2007-2008 staffing and operation levels for the department with the exception of reduced funding for extra-help positions.

MISSION STATEMENT

Protect and perpetuate Agriculture, the #1 industry in Butte County, by ensuring a safe and healthy agricultural product.

Promote and provide confidence of buyers and sellers by ensuring fairness in local, national and international trade.

Protect and promote the well being of all our customers and our community through the fair, equitable application of agricultural and weights & measures standards, emphasizing education and cooperation, including the use of technology to enhance customer service.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Agricultural Commissioner is responsible for countywide enforcement of agricultural laws and regulations as provided by the California Food and Agricultural Code, California Code of Regulations and California Business and Professions Code. The Agricultural Commissioner also serves as the Director of Weights and Measures and supervises the contractual functions of Predatory Animal Control. Enforcing these laws and regulations, the Commissioner works in cooperation with and under the guidance of, the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. The Agricultural Commissioner is also responsible for implementing any ordinances or resolutions adopted by the Board of Supervisors pertaining to agriculture.

The agricultural programs include a variety of inspections, investigations and agriculture industry services relating to plant quarantine, pest detection, pesticide use, pest management, noxious weed eradication, fruit and vegetable standardization, egg quality control, seed certification and inspection, crop statistics, nursery inspection, apiary, and the predatory animal control program. The agricultural resource programs involve agriculture planning, weed management and water related issues.

The Weights and Measures program provides for equitable commerce transactions within the county. These services and responsibilities include device certification and inspection; quantity control audits of items sold by weight, measure, or count; petroleum product quality control; device repairmen oversight; weighmaster compliance inspections and vapor recovery inspections contracted with the Butte County Air Quality Management District.

SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST

- The Department budget request includes funding to maintain fiscal year 2007-2008 staffing and operation levels for the department.
- The Department budget request includes additional funding of \$25,346 for extra help Agricultural Biologist Technician staff to continue to carry out Pest Detection activities and to assist in inspecting plant material shipments for Sudden Oak Death. These positions would also assist in conducting insect trapping for pests detrimental to the agriculture and horticulture industry of Butte County.
- The Department budget request includes additional funding of \$18,476 for an extra help GIS Technician position that was approved during fiscal years 2006-07 and 2007-08. This position would provide resources to carry out General Plan and Agricultural Buffer Setback activities as required.
- The Department budget request includes additional funding for four replacement vehicles.
- The Department budget request includes additional funding for extra help clerical support services to the district offices.

BUDGET CODE 460001

UNIT TITLE - AGRI. GENERAL SERV.

BUTTE COUNTY
 STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 BUDGET UNIT EXPENDITURE DETAIL
 SCHEDULE 9 2008-09

FUNCTION - 2 - AGRI. GENERAL SERV.
 ACTIVITY - 25 -
 FUND - 0010 COUNTY GENERAL FUND

ACCOUNT	TITLE	ACTUAL 2006-07	ESTIMATED 2007-08	REQUESTED 2008-09	RECOMMENDED 2008-09	ADOPTED 2008-09
EXPENDITURES						
510	SALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENE	1,657,828	1,753,253	1,829,048	1,761,534	-
520	SERVICES & SUPPLIES	316,082	327,427	438,214	353,214	-
550	OTHER CHARGES	31,941	15,000	20,000	20,000	-
560	FIXED ASSETS	-	45,750	73,750	1,750	-
TOTAL	DIRECT	2,005,851	2,141,430	2,361,012	2,136,498	-
570	OTHER FINANCING USES	36,071	40,061	41,065	41,065	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,041,922	2,181,491	2,402,077	2,177,563	-
REVENUES						
20000	LICENSES AND PERMITS	7,320	8,000	8,000	8,000	-
30000	FINES, FORFEITS, PENALTIES	2,125	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
50100	STATE REVENUES	918,043	925,010	950,112	950,112	-
50300	OTHER INTERGOVT REVENUES	-	-	10,000	10,000	-
TOTAL	GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	918,043	925,010	960,112	960,112	-
60000	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	225,009	256,500	272,000	272,000	-
70000	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	138	100	100	100	-
TOTAL REVENUES		1,152,635	1,192,610	1,243,212	1,243,212	-
NET COSTS AGRI. GENERAL SERV.		889,287	988,881	1,158,865	934,351	-