

AGRICULTURE

MISSION STATEMENT

Protect and perpetuate agriculture, the leading 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; and weighmaster compliance inspections and vapor recovery inspections contracted with the Butte County Air Quality Management District.

FY 2008-09 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Received the 2008 Agricultural Service Award from the Farm City Celebration Event Organization.
- Trained all full-time staff members in introductory emergency management by completing FEMA Emergency Management Institute courses ICS 100, ICS 200 and IS700.
- Completed the agricultural buffer guidelines as part of the Agricultural Element of the County General Plan.
- Implemented electronic tracking of permit applications to provide enhanced customer service.
- Ensured the exportation of local agricultural products by ensuring that staff members are trained and certified to issue technical certificates.

SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST

- The Department budget request includes funding to maintain FY 2008-2009 staffing and operation levels.

- The Department budget request includes funding for four replacement vehicles.
- The Department budget request includes funding for extra help clerical support services to the district offices.
- The Department budget request includes funding to remodel the Chico field office to replace carpet, increase lighting, paint, and replace the ceiling.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

- The recommendation includes appropriation of \$2,058,125 with restricted revenue of \$1,236,924. The use of discretionary revenues by the department is \$821,201.
- The recommendation does not include \$580,000 of revenue and appropriation for the Agriculture Commissioner's water quality initiative as the funding was not obtained.
- The recommendation does not include the purchase of any fixed assets, eliminates 2,880 hours of extra help, and reduces various services and supplies accounts to the minimum level needed by the Department to continue to operate without negatively affecting the local agricultural industry too drastically.

BUDGET CODE 460001

UNIT TITLE - AGRI. GENERAL SERV.

BUTTE COUNTY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BUDGET UNIT EXPENDITURE DETAIL
SCHEDULE 9 2009-10

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

ACCOUNT	TITLE	ACTUAL 2007-08	ADOPTED 2008-09	REQUESTED 2009-10	RECOMMENDED 2009-10	ADOPTED 2009-10
EXPENDITURES						
510	SALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENE	1,695,972	1,740,504	1,741,484	1,696,621	
520	SERVICES & SUPPLIES	298,864	361,600	607,278	175,097	
550	OTHER CHARGES	28,481	20,000	20,000	20,000	
560	FIXED ASSETS	46,510	1,750	1,750		
TOTAL	DIRECT	2,069,827	2,123,854	2,370,512	1,891,718	-
570	OTHER FINANCING USES	36,125	46,608	162,192	166,407	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,105,952	2,170,462	2,532,704	2,058,125	-
REVENUES						
20000	LICENSES AND PERMITS		8,000	8,000	8,000	
30000	FINES, FORFEITS,PENALTIES		3,000	2,000	2,000	
50100	STATE REVENUES	969,236	950,112	940,374	940,374	
50300	OTHER INTERGOVT REVENUES	4,847	10,000	13,000	13,000	
TOTAL	GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	974,083	960,112	953,374	953,374	-
60000	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		272,000	273,500	273,500	
70000	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		100	580,050	50	
TOTAL REVENUES		974,083	1,243,212	1,816,924	1,236,924	-
NET COUNTY COSTS/USE OF FUND BALANCE		1,131,870	927,250	715,780	821,201	-

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