

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Agriculture Department is to promote, protect and enhance agriculture, the number one industry in Butte County, by ensuring a safe and healthy agricultural product.

The department promotes and provides confidence to buyers and sellers by ensuring fairness in local, national and international trade.

The department protects and promotes the well-being of all its customers and the community through the fair, equitable application of agricultural and weights and measures standards, emphasizing education and cooperation, including the use of technology to enhance customer service.

## Department Description and Key Issues

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. By enforcing these laws and regulations, the Agricultural 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 or weights and measures.

The Agriculture Department is organized into five sections with the following functions:

**General Management** – Provides leadership for planning, organizing, directing, controlling, and coordinating departmental activities, including preparation of the department budget. This section coordinates all program and district operations. It is also responsible for initiating all civil and criminal enforcement actions, including administrative hearings. This section interfaces with public and private entities on agricultural-related regulatory and economic development issues, and planning issues, such as the Regional Habitat Conservation Program and General Plan.

**Agriculture Regulatory Programs** – Includes 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, and apiary inspection.

**Agriculture Resource Programs** – Involves agriculture planning, weed management, and water related issues, including assisting with General Plan and Climate Action Plan implementation.

**Predatory Animal Control** – Provides animal damage control service to prevent the depredation of livestock and loss of property by damage from wildlife. This service is provided through a contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Weights and Measures Programs** – Provides for equitable commerce transactions within the County. This section provides device certification and inspection; quantity control audits of items

sold by weight, measure, or count; petroleum product quality control; registered service agent oversight; and weighmaster compliance inspections. It also maintains official, certified standards that are used to verify the accuracy of weighing and measuring devices used in trade.

The key issues for the Agriculture Department in fiscal year 2017-18 include: providing assistance to the economic development efforts of the County; enhancing the use of technology in the department, including a web-based computer program for the restricted pesticide permit and enforcement program; and enhancing fiscal oversight to maintain compliance with State funding requirements.

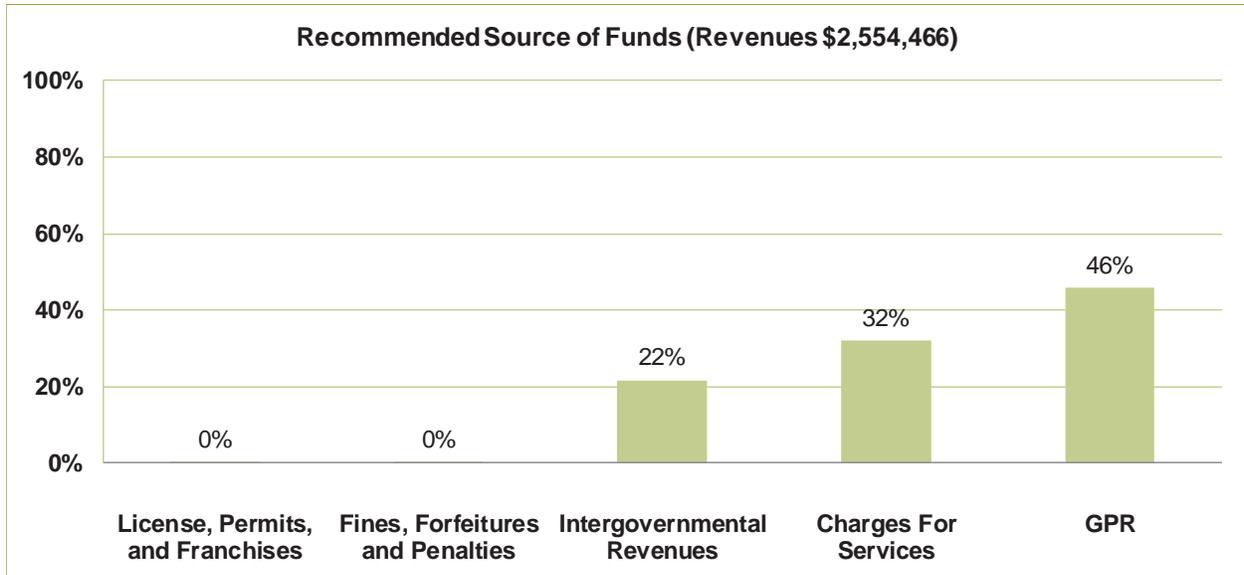
**AGRICULTURE BUDGET**

	<b>2015-16 Actuals</b>	<b>2016-17 Adopted</b>	<b>2017-18 Requested</b>	<b>2017-18 Recommended</b>
License, Permits, and Franchises	6,615	6,800	6,800	6,800
Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties	3,600	5,000	5,000	5,000
Intergovernmental Revenues	537,512	608,204	556,000	556,000
Charges For Services	795,496	787,360	817,000	817,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,343,223</b>	<b>\$ 1,407,364</b>	<b>\$ 1,384,800</b>	<b>\$ 1,384,800</b>
Salaries and Employee Benefits	1,664,525	1,896,396	2,087,440	2,012,290
Services and Supplies	229,278	296,153	282,067	281,227
Other Charges	36,035	28,651	28,224	28,224
Capital Assets	30,997	-	-	-
Other Financing Uses	-	35,000	36,000	36,000
Special Items	178,605	228,444	204,125	196,725
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 2,139,440</b>	<b>\$ 2,484,644</b>	<b>\$ 2,637,856</b>	<b>\$ 2,554,466</b>
<b>Net Costs/Use of Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 796,217</b>	<b>\$ 1,077,280</b>	<b>\$ 1,253,056</b>	<b>\$ 1,169,666</b>

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### Source of Funds (Revenues)

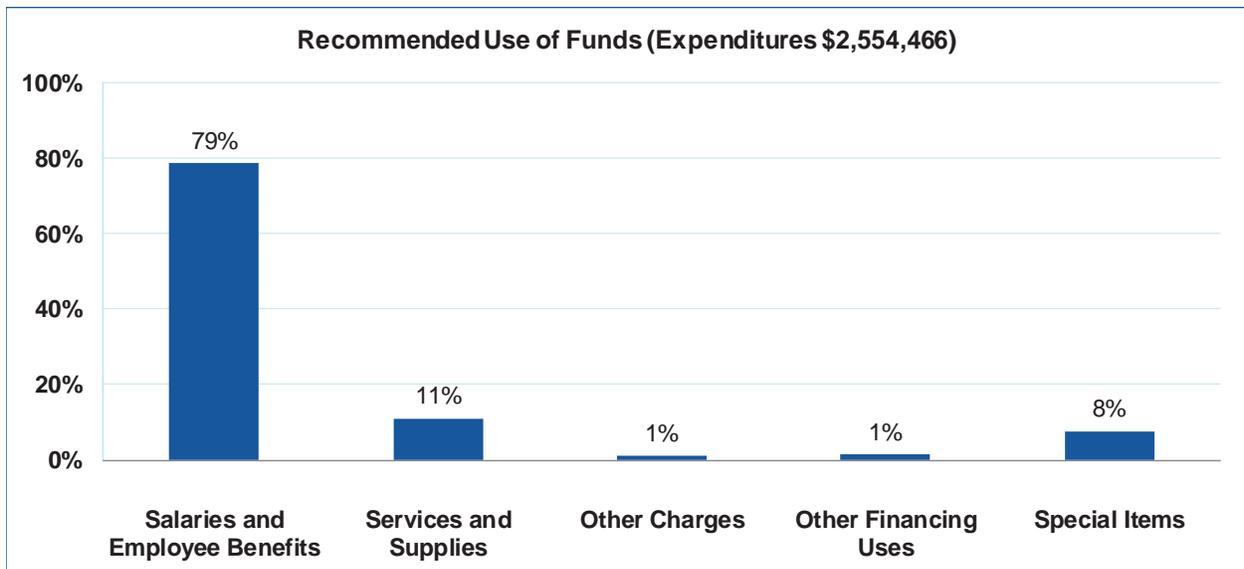
- General purpose revenue (GPR) is the General Fund contribution to operate the department and is the largest revenue source for the department.
- Charges for services are predominantly weights and measures fees, planning review fees, and agricultural fees charged to the public and other agencies.
- Intergovernmental revenues include State and federal grants and allocations.



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**Use of Funds (Expenditures)**

- Salaries and benefits is the largest expenditure category for the department.
- Services and supplies include tools, transportation costs, specialized technical services and protective clothing and gear.
- Special items include costs for support services provided by Administration, Auditor, County Counsel, General Services, Human Resources, Information Systems, and Treasurer.
- Other charges include interfund transfers for vehicle maintenance and space use allowance.
- Other financing uses include interfund transfers to the department’s equipment replacement fund for vehicles.



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## Summary of Budget Request and Recommendation

### Salaries & Employee Benefits

#### Requested

- The department budget request includes funding to maintain current staffing levels.

#### Recommended

- The recommendation includes elimination of 1.0 vacant flexibly-staffed Agricultural Biologist position.
- The recommendation includes approximately \$65,000 for extra-help hours and \$5,000 for overtime.

#### Full Time Equivalent

##### Position Allocations

	Total
2013-14 Adopted Positions	19.00
2014-15 Adopted Positions	19.00
2015-16 Adopted Positions	19.00
2016-17 Adopted Positions	19.00
2016-17 Current Positions *	19.00
2017-18 Recommended Positions	18.00

\*As of 4/11/2017

### Services & Supplies

#### Requested

- The department budget request includes funding to maintain current service levels.
- The department budget request includes \$26,100 for the purchase and installation of a carport in Chico to protect a heavy capacity weight truck.

#### Recommended

- The recommendation includes funding for the requested services and supplies.

### Capital Assets

#### Requested

- The department budget request includes funding for one sedan.

#### Recommended

- The recommendation includes funding for the requested capital asset.

BUDGET UNIT 460 - AGRICULTURE  
 FUNCTION PUBLIC PROTECTION  
 ACTIVITY PROTECTION INSPECTION  
 FUND 0010 - GENERAL FUND

Detail by Revenue Category and Expenditure Object	2015-16 Actual	2016-17 Estimated	2017-18 Requested	2017-18 Recommended	2017-18 Adopted by the Board of Supervisors
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**REVENUES**

420	LICENSE, PERMITS & FRANCHISES	6,615	6,800	6,800	6,800	-
430	FINES, FORFEITURES & PENALTIES	3,600	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
450	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	537,512	608,204	556,000	556,000	-
460	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	795,496	787,360	817,000	817,000	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>\$1,343,223</b>	<b>\$1,407,364</b>	<b>\$1,384,800</b>	<b>\$1,384,800</b>	<b>-</b>

**EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS**

510	SALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,664,525	1,896,396	2,087,440	2,012,290	-
520	SERVICES & SUPPLIES	229,278	296,153	282,067	281,227	-
550	OTHER CHARGES	36,035	28,651	28,224	28,224	-
560	CAPITAL ASSETS					
	EQUIPMENT	30,997	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	30,997	-	-	-	-
570	OTHER FINANCING USES	-	35,000	36,000	36,000	-
590	SPECIAL ITEMS	178,605	228,444	204,125	196,725	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>\$2,139,440</b>	<b>\$2,484,644</b>	<b>\$2,637,856</b>	<b>\$2,554,466</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>NET COSTS / USE OF FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>\$796,217</b>	<b>\$1,077,280</b>	<b>\$1,253,056</b>	<b>\$1,169,666</b>	<b>-</b>
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