

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 the County and other departments with various plans and program 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 2018-19 include providing assistance to the economic development efforts of the County, providing assistance to complete the County Zoning Ordinance, 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.

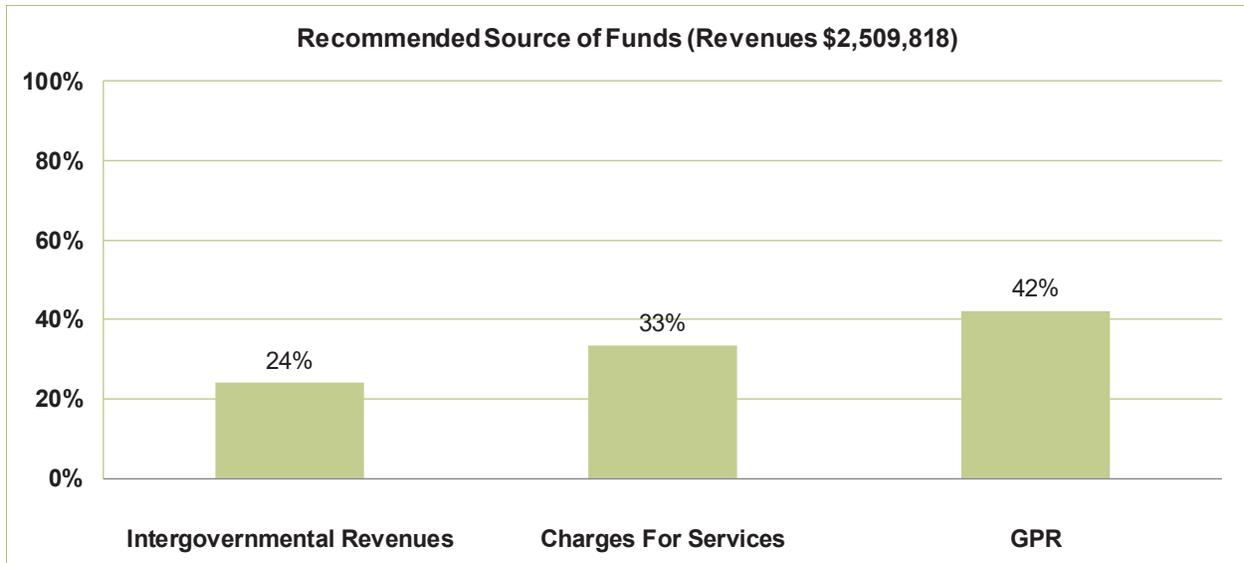
AGRICULTURE BUDGET

	2016-17 Actuals	2017-18 Adopted	2018-19 Requested	2018-19 Recommended
Licenses, Permits and Franchises	6,610	6,800	6,800	6,800
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	4,100	5,000	3,000	3,000
Intergovernmental Revenues	525,714	556,000	602,700	602,700
Charges For Services	791,025	817,000	837,000	837,000
Total Revenues	\$ 1,327,448	\$ 1,384,800	\$ 1,449,500	\$ 1,449,500
Salaries and Employee Benefits	1,763,727	2,012,290	2,112,218	2,012,211
Services and Supplies	228,386	281,227	285,691	285,691
Other Charges	23,230	28,224	28,189	28,189
Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
Other Financing Uses	28,831	36,000	47,000	12,000
Special Items	225,316	196,725	171,727	171,727
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,269,489	\$ 2,554,466	\$ 2,644,825	\$ 2,509,818
Net Costs/Use of Fund Balance	\$ 942,041	\$ 1,169,666	\$ 1,195,325	\$ 1,060,318

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Source of Funds (Revenues)

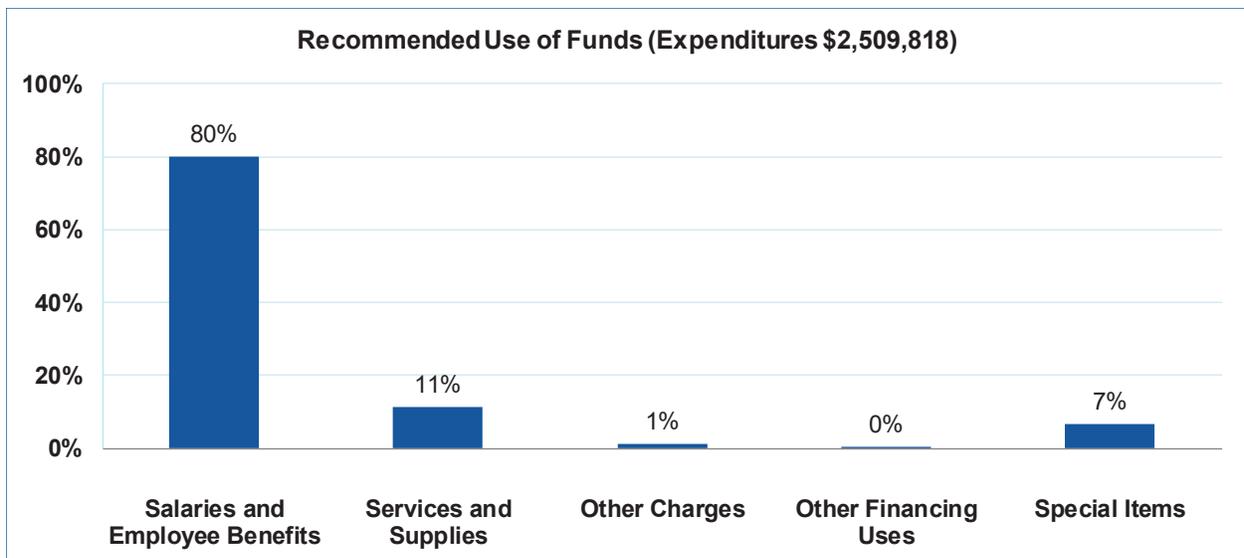
- General purpose revenue (GPR) is the General Fund contribution to operate the department and is the largest revenue source for the department.
- Charges for services are predominantly weights and measures fees and agricultural fees charged to the public and other agencies.
- Intergovernmental revenues 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 adding 1.0 Agricultural Biologist/Weights & Measures position to serve the Oroville district.
- The department budget request also includes funding for extra help and overtime for regular help staff.

Full Time Equivalent Position Allocations		Total
2014-15	Adopted Positions	19.00
2015-16	Adopted Positions	19.00
2016-17	Adopted Positions	19.00
2017-18	Adopted Positions	18.00
2017-18	Current Positions *	18.00
2018-19	Recommended Positions	18.00

*As of 4/24/2018

Recommended

- The recommendation includes funding to maintain current staffing levels, and does not include funding for an additional Agricultural Biologist/Weights & Measure position or additional funding for extra help or overtime.

Services & Supplies

Requested

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

Recommended

- The recommendation includes funding to maintain current service levels.

Capital Assets

Requested

- The department budget request does not include any capital assets.

Recommended

- The recommendation does not include any capital assets.

BUTTE COUNTY
 FINANCING SOURCES AND USES BY BUDGET UNIT BY OBJECT
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

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

Detail by Revenue Category and Expenditure Object 1	2016-17 Actual 2	2017-18 Estimated 3	2018-19 Requested 4	2018-19 Recommended 5	2018-19 Adopted by Board of Supervisors 6
REVENUES					
420 LICENSE,PERMTS & FRANCHS	6,610	6,800	6,800	6,800	-
430 FINES,FORFEITURES & PNLTY	4,100	5,000	3,000	3,000	-
450 INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	525,714	556,000	602,700	602,700	-
460 CHARGES FOR SERVICES	791,025	817,000	837,000	837,000	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,327,448	\$1,384,800	\$1,449,500	\$1,449,500	-
EXPENDITURES/APPROP.					
510 SALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENE	1,763,727	2,012,290	2,112,218	2,012,211	-
520 SERVICES & SUPPLIES	228,386	281,227	285,691	285,691	-
550 OTHER CHARGES	23,230	28,224	28,189	28,189	-
570 OTHER FINANCING USES	28,831	36,000	47,000	12,000	-
590 SPECIAL ITEMS	225,316	196,725	171,727	171,727	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROP.	\$2,269,489	\$2,554,466	\$2,644,825	\$2,509,818	-
NET COSTS/USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$942,041	\$1,169,666	\$1,195,325	\$1,060,318	-