

Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Agriculture 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. In 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 all ordinances and resolutions adopted by the Board of Supervisors pertaining to agriculture or weights and measures.

The Department of Agriculture 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, industrial hemp, 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 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 Department of Agriculture in fiscal year 2020-21 include providing assistance to the economic development efforts of the County, providing assistance to the Department of Development Services for Williamson Act items and agricultural buffer zone recommendations, registration and regulatory framework implementation for industrial hemp, 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.

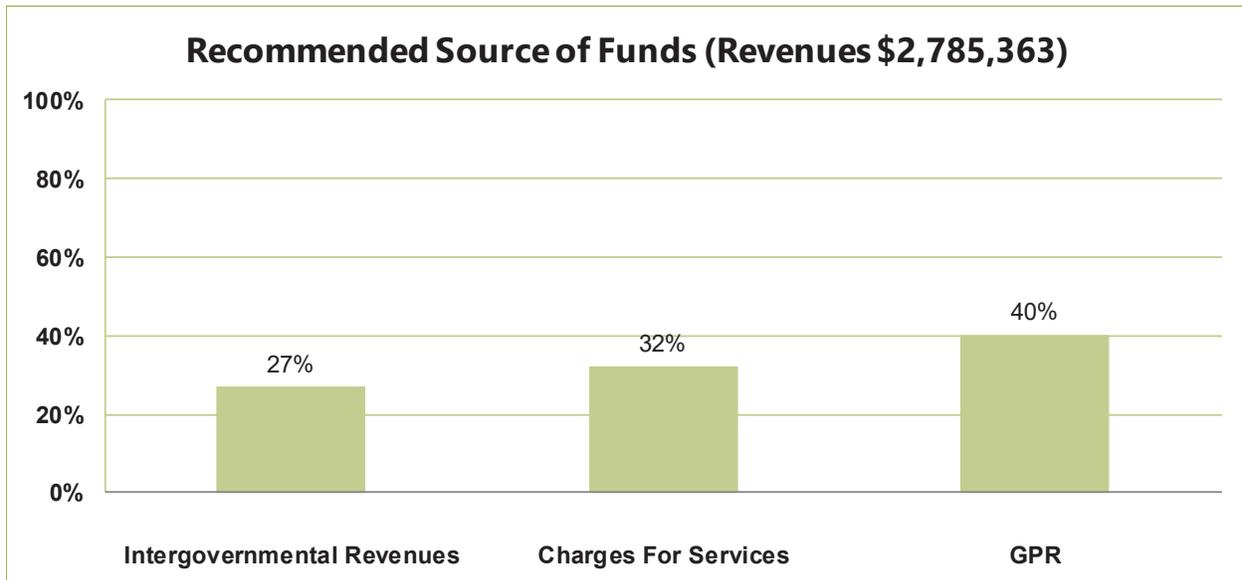
AGRICULTURE BUDGET				
	2018-19 Actuals	2019-20 Adopted	2020-21 Requested	2020-21 Recommended
Licenses, Permits and Franchises	6,850	6,800	6,800	6,800
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	1,100	3,000	3,000	3,000
Intergovernmental Revenues	619,516	753,200	753,500	753,500
Charges For Services	939,243	898,000	898,000	898,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	3,212	-	-	-
Other Financing Sources	7,768	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 1,577,689	\$ 1,661,000	\$ 1,661,300	\$ 1,661,300
Salaries and Employee Benefits	1,982,241	2,203,259	2,345,883	2,277,038
Services and Supplies	253,826	389,392	353,887	353,887
Other Charges	61,584	28,000	28,000	28,000
Capital Assets	-	-	70,000	-
Other Financing Uses	12,000	47,000	69,500	18,200
Special Items	179,686	197,206	108,238	108,238
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,489,337	\$ 2,864,857	\$ 2,975,508	\$ 2,785,363
Net Costs/Use of Fund Balance	\$ 911,648	\$ 1,203,857	\$ 1,314,208	\$ 1,124,063

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.

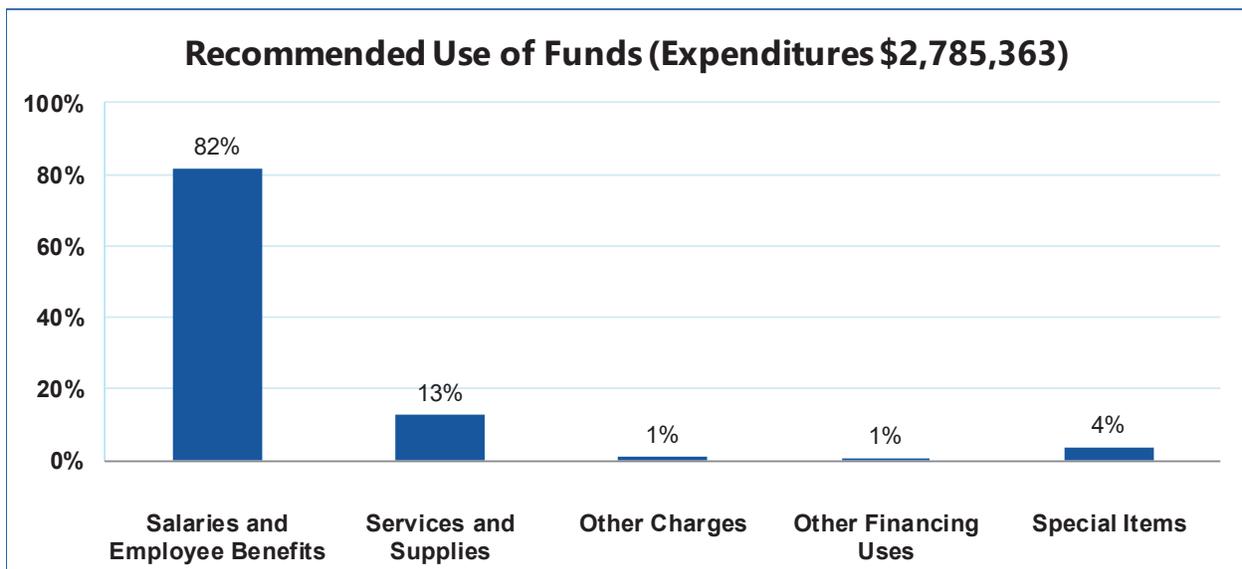
Full Time Equivalent	
Position Allocations	Total
2016-17 Adopted Positions	19.00
2017-18 Adopted Positions	18.00
2018-19 Adopted Positions	19.00
2019-20 Adopted Positions	19.00
2019-20 Current Positions *	19.00
2020-21 Recommended Positions	19.00

*As of 4/14/2020



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 County Administration, Auditor-Controller’s Office, County Counsel, Department of General Services, Department of Human Resources, Department of Information Systems, and Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Office.
- Other charges include interfund transfers for vehicle maintenance.
- Other financing uses include interfund transfers to the department’s equipment replacement fund for vehicles.



Summary of Budget Request and Recommendation

Salaries & Employee Benefits

Requested

- The department budget request includes funding to add 1.0 Agricultural Biologist/Weights and Measures Inspector.

Recommended

- The recommendation includes funding to maintain current staffing levels.

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 includes funding for two replacement vehicles.

Recommended

- The recommendation does not include funding for the requested capital assets.

BUTTE COUNTY
 FINANCING SOURCES AND USES BY BUDGET UNIT BY OBJECT
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FISCAL YEAR 2020-21

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

Detail by Revenue Category and Expenditure Object	2018-19 Actual	2019-20 Estimated	2020-21 Requested	2020-21 Recommended	2020-21 Adopted by Board of Supervisors
1	2	3	4	5	6
REVENUES					
420 LICENSE,PERMTS & FRANCHS	6,850	6,800	6,800	6,800	-
430 FINES,FORFEITURES & PNLTY	1,100	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
450 INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	619,516	753,200	753,500	753,500	-
460 CHARGES FOR SERVICES	939,243	898,000	898,000	898,000	-
470 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	3,212	-	-	-	-
480 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	7,768	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,577,689	\$1,661,000	\$1,661,300	\$1,661,300	-
EXPENDITURES/APPROP.					
510 SALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENE	1,982,241	2,203,259	2,345,883	2,277,038	-
520 SERVICES & SUPPLIES	253,826	389,392	353,887	353,887	-
550 OTHER CHARGES	61,584	28,000	28,000	28,000	-
560 CAPITAL ASSETS					
EQUIPMENT	-	-	70,000	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	-	-	70,000	-	-
570 OTHER FINANCING USES	12,000	47,000	69,500	18,200	-
590 SPECIAL ITEMS	179,686	197,206	108,238	108,238	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROP.	\$2,489,337	\$2,864,857	\$2,975,508	\$2,785,363	-
NET COSTS/USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$911,648	\$1,203,857	\$1,314,208	\$1,124,063	-