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TONY LINEGAR, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures

AGRICULTURE'S BUDGET UNIT

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PROGRAM DISCUSSION

Programs: The Department of Agriculture Weights and Measures, is under the leadership of the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures. The Agricultural Commissioner promotes and protects California's agriculture as well as protecting the environment, and public health and safety. The Sealer of Weights and Measures promotes fairness and equity in the marketplace by inspecting for accuracy all of the commercial weighing and measuring devices in the County as well as the inspection of the quantity of packaged goods. All of this is accomplished through a number of core programs, which include Pest Exclusion, Pest Detection, Pest Eradication, Pest Management, and Pesticide Use Enforcement (PUE). The Department provides consumer protection, under the Agricultural Commissioner, through nursery and seed inspection programs, enforcing fruit and vegetable standards and egg inspection programs. This includes oversight of the National Organic Program and the Certified Farmers Markets. The administration of these programs helps to ensure a safe healthy food supply. The Department also provides consumer protection under the County Sealer of Weights and Measures through the device inspection program, quantity control program, weighmaster program, and the petroleum quality program. Public health and safety programs include the Pesticide Use Enforcement and Organic Program. The Pesticide Use Enforcement program not only protects the environment, but also protects agricultural workers from pesticide exposure. The Agricultural Commissioner is also responsible for two non-regulatory programs, which are: oversight of the Williamson Act contracts and the compilation of crop statistics, including an annual crop report and the reporting of agricultural disasters.

Public Trust: The Department protects the food supply and the environment by Pest Prevention and Pest Exclusion programs which involve the enforcement of State and National Plant Quarantines such as Sudden Oak Death (SOD) and Glassy Winged Sharpshooter (GWSS). Protection of the environment also encompasses Pest Management and Eradication, including the control of noxious weeds. Under the direction of the County Sealer, the Department ensures equity in the marketplace through the weights and measures program for consumers and industry.

Practices: Enforce the laws of the California Food and Agriculture Code, the California Business and Professions Code and the National Organic Law, as well as carry out the directives of the Secretary of Food and Agriculture, the Director of Pesticide Regulation and the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors.

People: The Assistant Commissioner handles the majority of customer service in the office allowing the field inspectors to work in the field. Inspectors cover the entire geography of Mendocino County, inspecting all licensed nurseries; pesticide dealers; fuel dispensaries; farms; retail stores; livestock, fish and truck scales; export shipments of agricultural goods; and perform many other regulatory duties, often working in several different programs in one day. Clerical staff provides support to the field and administrative staff on a daily basis, often working in several capacities in one day; including customer service; managing accounts payable/receivable; payroll; contract administration; data entry; and other general office duties. The seasonal insect trapper works mainly in the Glassy Winged Sharpshooter program setting insect traps around the entire county; checking and replacing the traps on a rotating basis; sending suspicious insects to the State lab for identification; and providing support for the Sudden Oak Death program as needed.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN F/Y 2009-10

Programs: Reformed the Resource Lands Protection Committee with the Assessor, County Counsel and Planning and Building Services for the purpose of reviewing current Williamson Act contracts. Currently, one third of the 600 contracts have been reviewed and recommendations for non-renewal have been forwarded incrementally to the Board of Supervisors.

Wrote and passed an ordinance establishing registration fees for commercial weighing and measuring devices. This lowered the net county cost for the Department by approximately \$85,000. This will provide cost recovery for the program as well as providing a stable funding source for the future.

Monitored and served abatement notices on abandoned orchards as required by the Food and Agriculture Code.

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Contracted with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to assume responsibility for the administration of the European Grapevine Moth Detection Survey in Mendocino County. This allowed for a net county cost reduction as well as providing employment to two county residents.

Public Trust: The Department has worked collaboratively with the Mendocino County Weed Management groups to eradicate noxious weeds such as distaff thistle, brooms and gorse. During a successfully undercover operation, in cooperation with the State of California Division of Measurement Standards, the case that ended with an administrative civil penalty being levied against the business owner for weights and measures violations.

Practices: Continued to provide education to licensed pesticide applicators by conducting three classes on pesticide safety. Conducted annual Spanish field worker training to approximately 100 farm workers. Compiled and published the annual crop report.

People: Internally promoted Inspector III to Assistant Agricultural Commissioner. The Department had carried a vacancy at Assistant Commissioner for more than one year. Vacant Inspector III position was underfilled with Inspector I. Added two seasonal agricultural field inspectors to carry out state contract for trapping of European Grapevine Moth.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES FOR F/Y 2010-11

Programs: Provide annual inspection for all commercial weighing and measuring devices in the county since the program is now funded by an annual registration fee. Complete workplan and trapping survey for European Grapevine Moth. Complete Williamson Act review by October 2010 so that non-renewal notices may be mailed out 60 days prior to January 1, 2011, as required by law. Meet all contractual obligations with the California Department of Food and Agriculture. program is now funded by an annual registration fee. Complete workplan and trapping survey for European Grapevine Moth. Complete Williamson Act review by October 2010 so that non-renewal notices may be mailed out 60 days prior to January 1, 2011, as required by law. Meet all contractual obligations with the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Public Trust: Maintain inspection frequency for devices located throughout the county. Purchase propane prover for testing stand-alone propane dispensers; current contracts leasing this equipment from Sonoma County result in accumulated costs that far outweigh the cost of purchasing equipment. Protect citizens and agricultural

workers from misuse of pesticides through the Pesticide Use Enforcement program.

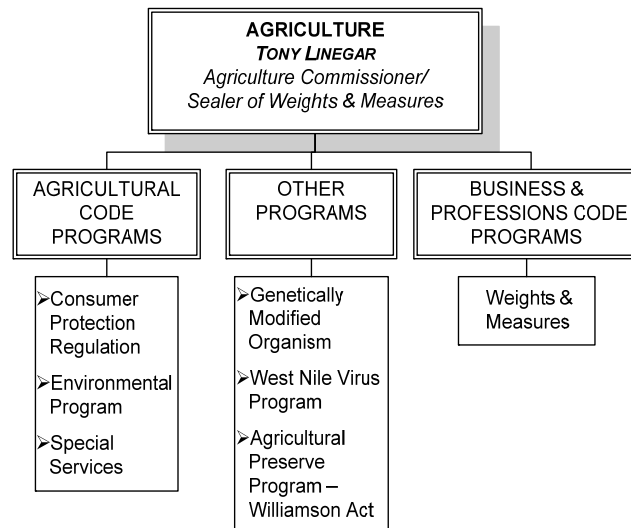
Practices: Fulfill contract requirements related to Sudden Oak Death (SOD) and Glassy Winged Sharpshooter (GWSS), Pesticide Use Enforcement (PUE), and High Risk Pest Exclusion, keeping the County free from the Light Brown Apple Moth and other exotic pests and minimizing damage from pests already established or under quarantine in Mendocino County. Participate in Resource Lands Protection Committee with Planning & Building Services staff and Assessor to review Williamson Act compliance.

People: Provide training as funding allows for new Inspector I. Hire two new seasonal employees for winegrape sugar testing (costs are offset by contracts with wineries).

CURRENT STAFFING

To view staffing levels for this budget unit, see the Position Allocation Table located in this document under the tab **L. Position Allocation Table**.

PROGRAM CHART



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SUMMARY OF MAJOR BUDGET ACCOUNTS

Salaries & Employee Benefits

- ✧ Acct. 1011 Provides for 5 field staff and 2 support staff. Decrease of \$(23,141) from prior year budgeted amount.
- ✧ Acct. 1012 Provides salaries for grape testers and insect trappers.

Other Charges

- ✧ Acct. 3280 Provides for the County cost for 3-Wildlife Services Trappers.

Revenues

- ✧ Acct. 5490 Revenue from contracts for the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter, Sudden Oak Death, nurseries & others.

CEO RECOMMENDED BUDGET COMMENTS

The CEO recommends funding as submitted by the department. Agriculture receives significant State funding, however it is not enough to meet the complex regulatory mandates this department is tasked with. Mendocino County is a primarily rural agricultural community; therefore, General Fund support is required to continue County support of this important economic resource.

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State Controller
County Budget Act
(1985)

County of Mendocino
State of California
Budget Unit Financing Uses Detail
Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11

County Budget Form
Schedule 9

Classification:

Function: 2 Public Protection

Budget Unit: 2710 Agriculture Dept

Activity: 206 Public Protection - Protection

Fund: 1100 County General

Financing Uses Classification	2008-09 Budget	2008-09 Actuals	2009-10 Budget	2009-10 Actuals	2010-11 Request	2010-11 Recommend	2010-11 Adopted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
<i>as of 5/31/10</i>							
Salaries & Employee Benefits							
861011 Regular Employees	423,093	367,568	401,472	315,416	378,331	378,331	
861012 Extra Help	38,000	25,161	38,000	24,594	38,000	38,000	
861013 Overtime Reg Emp	7,500	454	2,000	577	2,000	2,000	
861021 Co Cont Retirement	58,983	50,576	55,904	43,625	54,764	54,764	
861022 Co Cont OASDI	24,549	20,535	23,467	17,936	22,216	22,216	
861023 Co Cont Medicare	6,036	5,319	5,489	4,560	5,196	5,196	
861024 Co Cont Retire Incr	24,400	21,467	20,508	15,920	24,436	24,436	
861030 Co Cont Health Ins	73,031	66,616	78,684	72,589	84,561	84,561	
861031 Co Cont Unemp Ins	2,314	2,314	4,335	4,335	7,480	7,480	
861035 Co Cont Workers Comp	3,878	3,878	4,405	4,405	4,730	4,730	
Total Salaries & Employee Benefits	661,784	563,889	634,264	503,956	621,714	621,714	0
Services & Supplies							
862060 Communications	5,000	3,167	4,000	2,299	3,500	3,500	
862101 Insurance - General	3,513	3,513	3,140	3,140	3,388	3,388	
862120 Maint Equip	1,000	0	1,000	526	1,000	1,000	
862150 Memberships	3,150	3,025	3,150	3,060	3,150	3,150	
862160 Misc Expense	100	0	50	0	50	50	
862170 Office Expense	6,500	5,230	5,000	7,358	6,000	6,000	
862187 Education & Training	1,400	0	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	
862189 Prof/Spec Svcs - Other	6,000	3,451	5,000	3,107	5,000	5,000	
862190 Publ/Legal Notice	750	849	700	732	700	700	
862230 Info Tech Equip	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	
862239 Spec Dept Expense	24,000	10,784	18,000	4,166	18,000	18,000	
862250 Trans/Travel	17,725	12,335	15,000	12,593	15,000	15,000	
862253 Travel Out of County	6,500	3,593	6,000	1,684	5,000	5,000	
Total Services & Supplies	75,638	45,946	63,040	38,664	62,788	62,788	0
Other Charges							
863280 Contr Other Agency	156,000	156,000	135,000	108,000	113,292	113,292	
Total Other Charges	156,000	156,000	135,000	108,000	113,292	113,292	0
Fixed Assets							
864360 Structure/Improvement	0	0	0	0	0	0	
864370 Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Net Appropriations	893,422	765,834	832,304	650,620	797,794	797,794	0

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<i>as of 5/31/10</i>							
Less: Revenues							
822600 Other Permit	1,700	1,795	1,700	1,610	1,700	1,700	
823204 Misc Court Fine	2,500	178	1,500	1,886	1,500	1,500	
825410 State Aid for Agric	6,600	0	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	
825411 State Aid Agri Gas Tax	230,000	143,984	185,000	219,299	201,500	201,500	
825412 State Reimis-EC Poison	96,000	97,202	96,000	98,954	97,000	97,000	
825413 Pesticide Regulatory	3,432	3,657	5,100	2,413	5,100	5,100	
825490 State Other	87,651	121,144	75,000	57,233	70,000	70,000	
826200 Agric Services	20,350	0	20,000	3,616	20,000	20,000	
826201 Agric Certification	4,000	2,400	1,000	3,435	1,500	1,500	
826202 Insp/Test Weights/Meas	85	0	86,700	66,351	75,000	75,000	
827600 Other Sales	50	0	0	0	0	0	
827802 Oper Transfer In	0	0	0	5,000	0	0	
Total Revenues	<u>452,368</u>	<u>370,360</u>	<u>478,600</u>	<u>466,397</u>	<u>479,900</u>	<u>479,900</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Net County Cost	<u>441,054</u>	<u>395,474</u>	<u>353,704</u>	<u>184,223</u>	<u>317,894</u>	<u>317,894</u>	<u>0</u>

County of Mendocino

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RECOMMENDED BUDGET

