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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 laboratory for identification; and providing support for the Sudden Oak Death program as needed.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN F/Y 2010-11

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

Contracted with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to assume full responsibility for the administration of the European Grapevine Moth Detection and Delimitation Surveys in Mendocino County. This allowed for a net county cost reduction as well as providing employment for two additional 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. The Weights and Measures Division is currently investigating three separate cases of possible consumer fraud which could result in fines and/or asset forfeiture funds for the County; and ultimately result in changes at the business level that eliminate the improper charges to the consumer. The Agriculture Division continues to monitor pesticide use and inspect pesticide applicators. This helps to protect the citizens from unnecessary chemical exposure.

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: Added two seasonal agricultural field inspectors to carry out state contract for trapping of European Grapevine Moth.

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**GOALS/OBJECTIVES FOR F/Y 2011-12**

**Programs:** Complete eradication of European Grapevine Moth in the Ukiah Valley, thereby lifting the quarantine, while working proactively to address the locations in Hopland where moths were found and avoid quarantine in that area. Provide annual inspection for all commercial weighing and measuring devices in the county since the program is now funded by an annual registration fee. 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 and delivery trucks; 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.

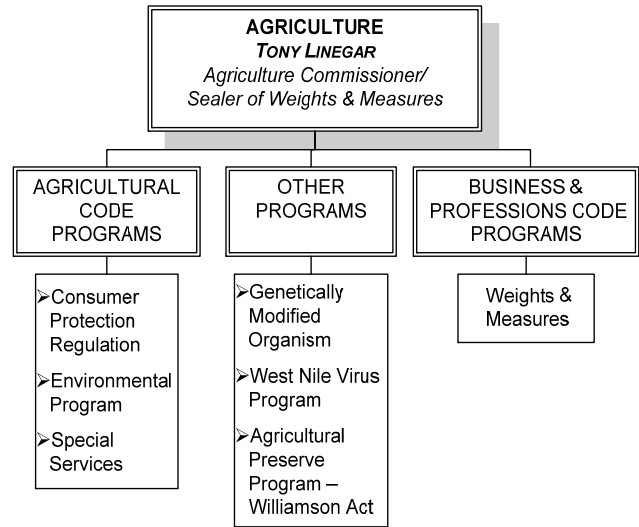
**Practices:** Fulfill contract requirements related to Sudden Oak Death (SOD) and Glassy Winged Sharpshooter (GWSS), Pesticide Use Enforcement (PUE), and High Risk Pest Exclusion, keeping the County free from the Light Brown Apple Moth and other exotic pests and minimizing damage from pests already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

**People:** Continue to provide training for inspectors as funding restrictions at the state level cause modifications to programs.

**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**



**SUMMARY OF MAJOR BUDGET ACCOUNTS**

**Salaries & Employee Benefits**

- ◇ Acct. 1011 Provides salaries for field staff and support staff
- ◇ Acct. 1012 Provides salaries for grape testers and insect trappers

**Services & Supplies**

- ◇ Acct. 2189 Provides for contract cost associated with Grapevine Moth eradication (associated with revenue account 5490, see summary below)

**Other Charges**

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

**Revenues**

- ◇ Acct. 5411 State Aid Agriculture Gas Tax Reimbursement (declines as NCC allocation is reduced)
- ◇ Acct. 5490 Revenue from contracts for the Grapevine Moth infestation, and others (once the European Grapevine Moth is eradicated funding will decrease)

**CEO RECOMMENDED BUDGET COMMENTS**

The CEO is recommending a supplemental appropriation to maintain the Net County Cost allocations consistent with FY 2010-2011.

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State Controller  
County Budget Act  
2010

County of Mendocino  
State of California  
Budget Unit Financing Uses Detail  
Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12

County Budget Form  
Schedule 9

Classification:

Function: 2 Public Protection  
Activity: 206 Public Protection - Protection

Budget Unit: 2710 Agriculture Dept  
Fund: 1100 County General

Financing Uses Classification	2009-10 Budget	2009-10 Actuals	2010-11 Budget	2010-11 Actuals	2011-12 Request	2011-12 Recommend	2011-12 Adopted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)

*as of 5/31/11*

Revenues

822600 Other Permit	1,700	1,750	1,700	1,855	1,700	1,700	
823204 Misc Court Fine	1,500	1,886	1,500	600	1,500	1,500	
825410 State Aid for Agric	6,600	6,600	6,600	0	0	0	
825411 State Aid Agri Gas Tax	185,000	219,299	201,500	146,726	170,000	170,000	
825412 State Reimis-EC Poison	96,000	98,954	97,000	101,581	98,000	98,000	
825413 Pesticide Regulatory	5,100	2,413	5,100	6,921	4,000	4,000	
825490 State Other	75,000	137,534	70,000	187,081	443,000	443,000	
826200 Agric Services	20,000	3,616	20,000	11,697	38,000	38,000	
826201 Agric Certification	1,000	4,205	1,500	1,987	1,500	1,500	
826202 Insp/Test Weights/Meas	86,700	67,333	75,000	73,502	75,000	75,000	
827600 Other Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	
827707 Donations	0	0	0	5,300	0	0	
827802 Oper Transfer In	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>478,600</b>	<b>548,589</b>	<b>479,900</b>	<b>537,250</b>	<b>832,700</b>	<b>832,700</b>	<b>0</b>

Salaries & Employee Benefits

861011 Regular Employees	401,472	366,263	363,267	363,393	430,540	474,836	
861012 Extra Help	38,000	35,690	38,000	94,469	139,989	139,989	
861013 Overtime Reg Emp	2,000	1,175	2,000	951	2,000	2,000	
861021 Co Cont Retirement	55,904	50,608	52,662	51,697	77,850	77,850	
861022 Co Cont OASDI	23,467	20,853	21,324	20,818	28,581	28,581	
861023 Co Cont Medicare	5,489	5,403	4,988	6,252	5,843	5,843	
861024 Co Cont Retire Incr	20,508	18,469	23,499	23,050	34,727	34,727	
861030 Co Cont Health Ins	78,684	85,190	84,561	79,989	80,780	80,780	
861031 Co Cont Unemp Ins	4,335	4,335	7,480	7,480	4,567	4,567	
861035 Co Cont Workers Comp	4,405	4,405	3,862	3,862	3,182	2,669	
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Employee Benefits</b>	<b>634,264</b>	<b>592,390</b>	<b>601,643</b>	<b>651,963</b>	<b>808,059</b>	<b>851,842</b>	<b>0</b>

Services & Supplies

862060 Communications	4,000	2,974	3,500	3,467	4,000	4,000	
862101 Insurance - General	3,140	3,140	3,375	3,375	2,813	2,070	
862120 Maint Equip	1,000	526	1,000	0	500	500	
862150 Memberships	3,150	3,060	3,150	3,060	3,150	3,150	
862160 Misc Expense	50	0	50	0	50	50	
862170 Office Expense	5,000	7,627	6,000	6,418	7,000	7,000	
862187 Education & Training	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	
862189 Prof/Spec Svcs - Other	5,000	3,107	5,000	6,272	30,000	30,000	
862190 Publ/Legal Notice	700	732	700	749	800	800	
862230 Info Tech Equip	1,000	0	500	191	2,000	2,000	
862239 Spec Dept Expense	18,000	5,140	18,000	3,600	28,050	28,050	
862250 Trans/Travel	15,000	18,837	15,000	34,420	80,000	80,000	
862253 Travel Out of County	6,000	1,684	3,000	1,734	3,000	3,000	
<b>Total Services &amp; Supplies</b>	<b>63,040</b>	<b>46,826</b>	<b>60,275</b>	<b>63,285</b>	<b>162,363</b>	<b>161,620</b>	<b>0</b>

Other Charges

863280 Contr Other Agency	135,000	135,000	113,292	84,969	113,292	113,292	
<b>Total Other Charges</b>	<b>135,000</b>	<b>135,000</b>	<b>113,292</b>	<b>84,969</b>	<b>113,292</b>	<b>113,292</b>	<b>0</b>

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<i>as of 5/31/11</i>							
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	832,304	774,216	775,210	800,217	1,083,714	1,126,754	0
Total Net County Cost	353,704	225,627	295,310	262,967	251,014	294,054	0