

# Agriculture & Cooperative Extension

The mission of the Agricultural Commissioner's Office is to improve and protect agriculture, natural resources, and the quality of life in Santa Barbara County, thereby supporting the County in achieving its Strategic Goals of Community Health and Safety (Goal II) and a High Quality of Life for All Residents (Goal V). The mission of the Cooperative Extension Division of the Agricultural Commissioner's Office is to provide research and educational programs for residents of Santa Barbara County that improve the quality of life and maintain viable and working agriculture. The services provided include the creation, adaptation, and extension of research-based knowledge related to agriculture, natural resources, and the environment to enhance the economic and social well being of the people of Santa Barbara County.

The consolidation of the North and South County Cooperative Extension Division will require the construction of necessary office space to improve efficiency and enable staff to provide valuable information to the community.

The Agricultural Commissioner's Office project will add offices to the Santa Maria office which will enable management staff and specialists to perform their jobs in a more professional manner. The Planners and Oak Tree Specialist recently hired need to meet with people regularly and require private offices. This project also adds a conference room which will provide a place to have meetings and provide presentations to larger groups of individuals.

For additional information, please refer to [www.countyofsb.org/agcomm/](http://www.countyofsb.org/agcomm/)

**Ag Commissioner/Coop Ext Office Space, SM**

**Function:** Community Resources & Public Fac.

**Department:** Agriculture & Cooperative Extension

**This project is managed by General Services.**

**Description**

This project is for the acquisition of a 3,600 square foot modular for the Cooperative Extension division of the Agricultural Commissioner's Office and is to be located near the Agricultural Commissioner's Office at 624 West Foster Road.

Originally, this project was to add a double-wide modular near the existing Cooperative Extension trailer on Foster Road to address a space deficit of 2,376 sf as identified in the North County Space Utilization Report. Later, the department identified ways to improve efficiency which include plans to consolidate the North and South County Cooperative Extension offices into one North County office. Based on this change, the project parameters have been modified to accommodate additional staff and space needs; however, this will reduce the space needs of Cooperative Extension countywide.



**Estimated Project Costs**

<b>Construction Costs</b>		<b>Annual O &amp; M Costs</b>	
Preliminary	49	Utilities	12
Design	55	Maintenance	14
Acquisition	500	Personnel	0
Construction	490	Other	0
Other	109		
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>1,203</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>26</b>

**Status**

Currently, this project is unfunded.

**Net Impact on Operating Budget**

There is no net impact on the operating budget due to the consolidation of offices.

Source of Funds	Fund	Prior Year(s) Expense	Est Act 2007-08	Proposed 2008-09			Projected Requirements					Five Year Total	Future Years	Project Total
				Carry Forward	New Funding	Year 1 Total	Year 2 2009-10	Year 3 2010-11	Year 4 2011-12	Year 5 2012-13				
Unfunded	0001				1,203	1,203						1,203		1,203
<b>Totals</b>					1,203	1,203						1,203		1,203
<b>Operating &amp; Maintenance Costs for Fund 0001</b>					Year 1 Impact:			22	22	26	26	96		