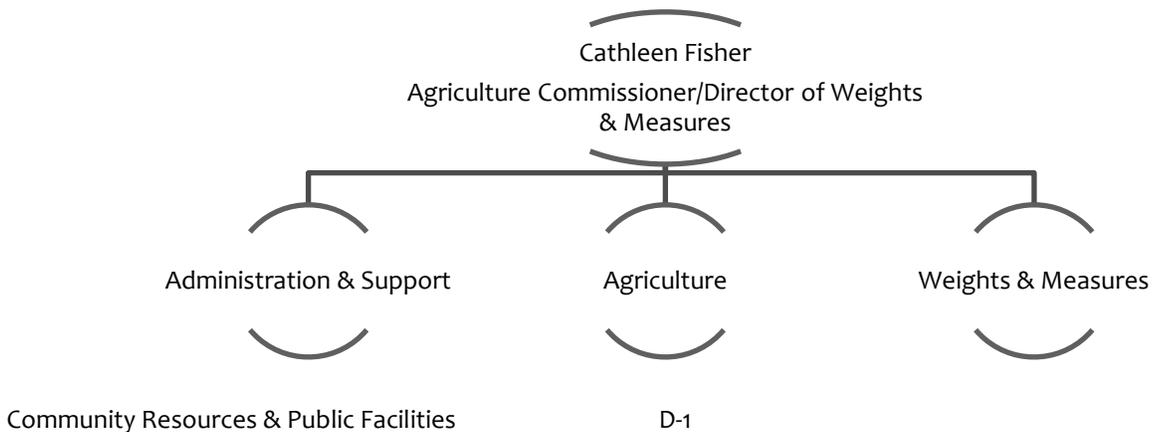


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BUDGET & FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS SUMMARY & BUDGET PROGRAMS CHART

Operating	\$ 5,040,098
Capital	\$ -
FTEs	33.0



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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION

The Agricultural Commissioner's Office enforces laws and regulations in our agricultural and weights & measures programs. The Pesticide use enforcement and pest prevention are the main components of the Agriculture budget program. These programs are designed to ensure the safe and legal use of pesticides and to prevent the introduction of harmful exotic pests. The Department also issues over 9,000 Phytosanitary certificates a year that enable local agricultural products to enter the global marketplace.

The Weights & Measures budget program protects businesses and consumers by ensuring fairness in the marketplace. Inspectors check the accuracy of over 6,500 commercial devices in the County each year and check over 750 stores with point-of-sale (scanner) systems for pricing accuracy.

The Department also provides education and outreach to farmers, farm workers, businesses, and the public on regulatory compliance, integrated pest management, reduced risk pesticide use, and pests of concern.

Additionally, the Department has a contract with the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) for \$153,000.00. This funding helps support the services of their Farm Advisors, Master Gardener Program, 4-H Program and their Youth and Adult Nutrition Education Program.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015-17 OBJECTIVES

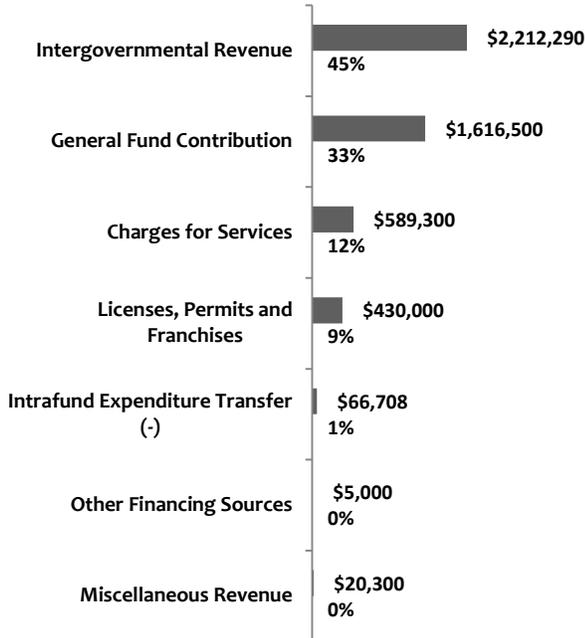
- Adapt the current grower outreach, "Characteristics of a Good Applicator," to train other types of pesticide handlers such as structural pesticide businesses, maintenance gardener businesses and greenhouse applicators. The training provides pesticide handlers with scenario based education that focuses on situational awareness and making a safe pesticide application.
- Assure staff is prepared to become certified through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Export Services program as Accredited Certifying Officials for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and provide phytosanitary certification services to the local agricultural industry in order to export their local agricultural products to other countries.
- Ensure additional staff members attain the Class "B" commercial drivers license, in order to drive the Department's Weights & Measures program heavy capacity weight truck for livestock, winery and vehicle scale inspection program.
- Achieve 100% pesticide use reporting by the agricultural and pest control industry directly into the CalAg System.

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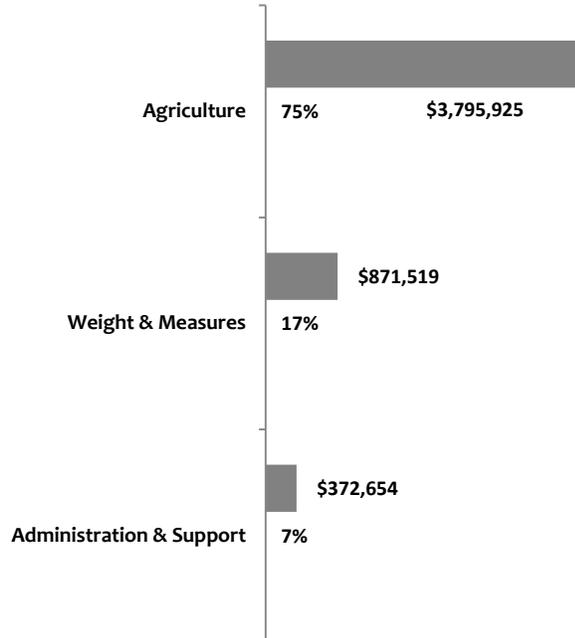
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RECOMMENDED SOURCES & USES OF FUNDS

Source of Funds - \$5,040,098

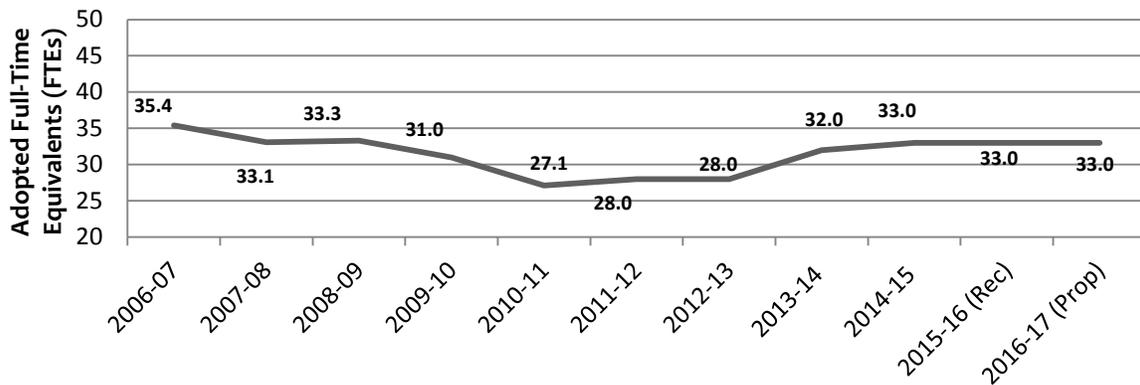


Use of Funds - \$5,040,098



STAFFING TREND

The staffing trend values will differ from prior year budget books in order to show amounts without the impact of any vacancy factors.



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BUDGET OVERVIEW

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Adopted	Change from FY14-15 Ado to FY15-16 Rec	2015-16 Recommended	2016-17 Proposed
Administration & Support	1.47	1.03	1.27	2.30	2.30
Agriculture	22.77	25.12	(0.99)	24.13	24.13
Weights & Measures	6.81	6.85	(0.28)	6.56	6.56
Total	31.04	33.00	-	33.00	33.00
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Budget By Budget Program					
Administration & Support	\$ 262,499	\$ 212,165	\$ 160,489	\$ 372,654	\$ 373,257
Agriculture	3,278,476	3,717,504	78,421	3,795,925	3,841,281
Weights & Measures	771,637	787,695	83,824	871,519	892,938
Unallocated	158	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 4,312,769	\$ 4,717,364	\$ 322,734	\$ 5,040,098	\$ 5,107,476
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Budget By Categories of Expenditures					
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 3,366,874	\$ 3,791,863	\$ 153,735	\$ 3,945,598	\$ 4,028,776
Services and Supplies	632,885	592,506	74,694	667,200	624,600
Other Charges	313,010	332,995	94,305	427,300	454,100
Total Operating Expenditures	4,312,769	4,717,364	322,734	5,040,098	5,107,476
Other Financing Uses	50,989	-	-	-	-
Increases to Fund Balances	306,700	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance Impact (+)	2	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 4,670,460	\$ 4,717,364	\$ 322,734	\$ 5,040,098	\$ 5,107,476
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Budget By Categories of Revenues					
Licenses, Permits and Franchises	\$ 494,921	\$ 425,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 430,000	\$ 430,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,712,861	2,046,024	166,266	2,212,290	2,283,998
Charges for Services	522,461	573,800	15,500	589,300	589,300
Miscellaneous Revenue	48,801	4,440	15,860	20,300	20,300
Total Operating Revenues	2,779,044	3,049,264	202,626	3,251,890	3,323,598
Other Financing Sources	4,600	4,692	308	5,000	-
Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (-)	65,400	66,708	-	66,708	-
Decreases to Fund Balances	275,116	9,000	91,000	100,000	100,000
General Fund Contribution	1,546,300	1,587,700	28,800	1,616,500	1,642,000
Fund Balance Impact (-)	-	-	-	-	41,878
Total	\$ 4,670,460	\$ 4,717,364	\$ 322,734	\$ 5,040,098	\$ 5,107,476

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CHANGES & OPERATIONAL IMPACT: 2014-15 ADOPTED TO 2015-16 RECOMMENDED

Staffing

- Net Increase of '0' FTE:
 - Current staffing level is at 33.0 FTEs.
 - This department will create funding for an additional 1.0 FTE Agricultural Biologist through a reduction in half the funding of 2.0 existing FTEs due to business efficiencies and workload changes. Staff affected by the reduction in funding will be retained to fill the new 1.0 FTE Agricultural Biologist position as well as a current vacant Agricultural Biologist position. The creation of this new position will be at no cost to the county. Staffing level will remain at 33.0 FTEs. The California Department of Food and Agriculture will provide services previously provided by the positions with the reduced funding at no cost to the department.
 - The creation of a new 1.0 FTE Agricultural Biologist will help address our increased workload involving: a.) Issuance of Phytosanitary inspections for product exports, b.) conduct inspections on plant material entering the County to ensure freedom from harmful pests, c.) perform outreach, and d.) compliance monitoring inspections for pesticide applications.

Expenditures

- Net operating expenditures increase of \$323,000:
 - +\$154,000 increase in Salaries and Benefits reflects an increase in regular salaries due to our filling of all FTE vacancies and an increase in retirement, Social Security, medical insurance costs, and unemployment insurance costs.
 - +\$75,000 increase in Services and Supplies due to:
 - +\$42,000 increase in IT Hardware Purchase and maintenance
 - +\$27,000 increase the purchase and maintenance of Agricultural and Weights & Measures equipment, +\$2,500 increase in software maintenance
 - +\$3,500 increase in transportation & Travel
 - +\$94,000 increase in Other Charges reflects an increase in motor pool charges.

These changes result in Recommended operating expenditures of \$5,040,000, non-operating expenditures of \$ 0, and total expenditures of \$5,040,000.

Revenues

- Net operating revenue increase of \$203,000:
 - +\$16,000 increase in Charges for Services due to an increase in Phytosanitary Certifications, increase in Certified Producer Certifications.
 - +\$5,000 increase in Licenses, Permits, and Franchises due to new businesses with point of sale (scanner) systems and (packing facilities) being added to the Weights and Measures database.
 - +\$166,000 increase in Intergovernmental Revenue due to an increase in funding of Pest Prevention activities from USDA and CDFA.
 - +\$16,000 increase in Miscellaneous Revenue due to an increase in a revenue contract with the State Department of Measurement Standards and also reimbursement costs to our department for our involvement in the CalPEATS Technical Advisory Committee.
 - These changes result in Recommended operating revenues of \$3,300,000, non-operating revenues of \$1,700,000, and total revenues of \$5,040,000. Non-operating revenues primarily include General Fund Contribution and transfers from another department.

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CHANGES & OPERATIONAL IMPACT: 2015-16 RECOMMENDED TO 2016-17 PROPOSED

Operating expenditures in FY 2016-2017 are expected to increase \$67,000, primarily in the area of Salaries and Benefits due to increases in retirement and health insurance costs and Other Charges primarily due to increases in utility charges and increases in motor pool charges. The Department has been successful at limiting increases or reducing other expenditure categories.

There will be no net operating revenue increase/decrease for FY2016-2017. Non-operating revenue is expected to have slight increase of \$26,000 due to the general fund contribution allocation formula.

The combination of increased operating expenditures and no increase/decrease in operating revenue and a slight increase in the non-operating revenue in FY 2016-2017 will result in a projected budget deficit of \$42,000 in order to maintain existing service levels.

RELATED LINKS

For more information on the Agricultural Commissioner, refer to the Web site at <http://www.agcommissioner.com>

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Description	FY 2012-13 Actual	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Estimated Actual	FY 2015-16 Recommend	FY 2016-17 Proposed
Administration & Support					
Percent of 1700 Weights & Measures registration permits processed	100% 1,700/1,700	100% 1,700/1,700	100% 1,700/1,700	100% 1,700/1,700	100% 1,700/1,700
Percent of Agricultural Commissioner's Office deposits processed error free	97% 120/124	98% 192/195	100% 101/101	100% 140/140	100% 140/140
Percent of pesticide use report data entry and filing without error	100% 29,276/29,276	99.9% 33,352/33,354	100% 30,000/30,000	100% 29,500/29,500	100% 29,000/29,000
Percent of departmental Employee Performance Reviews (EPRs) completed by the due date	Not Used in Prior Years	Not Used in Prior Years	48% 16/33	100% 45/45	100% 33/33
Agriculture					
Percent of 9200 Phytosanitary certificates for exporting agricultural goods issued without error	99.9% 9,195/9,200	99.9% 9,193/9,200	99.9% 9,191/9,200	100% 9,200/9,200	100% 9,200/9,200
Percent of 400 planned pesticide monitoring inspections conducted	137% 548/400	112% 448/400	104% 414/400	100% 400/400	100% 400/400
Percent of pesticide monitoring inspections with no non-compliances	79% 433/548	78% 349/448	80% 331/414	100% 400/400	100% 400/400
Weights & Measures					
Percent of 6,500 commercial weighing and measuring devices inspected for accuracy	75% 4,875/6,500	100% 6,500/6,500	100% 6,500/6,500	100% 6,500/6,500	100% 6,500/6,500
Percent of 750 business locations with point-of-sale (scanner) pricing systems inspected	n/a	55% 412/750	100% 750/750	100% 750/750	100% 750/750
Percent of inspected business locations with point-of-sale pricing systems with no overcharges	n/a	80% 330/412	85% 638/750	100% 750/750	100% 750/750

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ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT

The Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Administration & Support are the front line staff of the department. A wide variety of essential functions are performed in support of the department's diverse programs and responsibilities.

Staffing

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Adopted	Change from FY14-15 Ado to FY15-16 Rec	2015-16 Recommended	2016-17 Proposed
AG COMM/SEALER WGTS-MEAS	0.40	0.29	0.38	0.67	0.67
ASST DIRECTOR	0.06	0.06	(0.04)	0.02	0.02
EDP SYS & PROG ANLST	0.53	0.53	(0.08)	0.45	0.45
AGRI COMMISSIONER-DEPT	-	0.02	0.13	0.15	0.15
ADMIN OFFICE PRO	0.04	0.03	0.98	1.02	1.02
TEAM/PROJECT LDR-GEN	0.08	0.09	(0.09)	-	-
AGRI BIOLOGIST	0.01	0.02	(0.02)	-	-
EXTRA HELP	0.35	-	-	-	-
Total	1.47	1.03	1.27	2.30	2.30

Revenue & Expenditures

Budget By Categories of Expenditures	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Adopted	Change from FY14-15 Ado to FY15-16 Rec	2015-16 Recommended	2016-17 Proposed
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 210,927	\$ 189,309	\$ 147,745	\$ 337,054	\$ 342,157
Services and Supplies	4,314	6,235	7,765	14,000	8,200
Other Charges	47,258	16,621	4,979	21,600	22,900
Total Operating Expenditures	262,499	212,165	160,489	372,654	373,257
Total Expenditures	\$ 262,499	\$ 212,165	\$ 160,489	\$ 372,654	\$ 373,257
Budget By Categories of Revenues					
Intergovernmental Revenue	-	52,960	51,138	104,098	114,098
Total Operating Revenues	-	52,960	51,138	104,098	114,098
Other Financing Sources	4,600	4,692	308	5,000	-
Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (-)	65,400	66,708	-	66,708	-
General Fund Contribution	-	79,375	1,425	80,800	82,100
Total Revenues	\$ 70,000	\$ 203,735	\$ 52,871	\$ 256,606	\$ 196,198

* Please note that departments are not required to balance their budget at the program level.

2014-15 Anticipated Accomplishments

Administrative staff will complete the data entry and updating of the Department's new Weights and Measures database. Internal procedures have been implemented so that the Administrative Office Professionals (AOPs), conduct this activity which will help provide better customer service by having business profiles and invoices updated in a more timely manner.

Utilizing features of the new Weights & Measures database, the Department collected 100% of the 2014 annual device registration fees.

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ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT (CONT'D)

Administrative staff will continue to train agriculture businesses in the use of two online systems: CalAgPermits for pesticide use reporting and the Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance and Tracking (PCIT) system for requesting Phytosanitary certificates. Administrative staff will contact interested businesses and will conduct training either over the phone, at the Department's facilities, or at the business location. The trainings will allow the agriculture industry to take advantage of more efficient technologies while allowing Agricultural Biologists to increase their time on activities requiring State and Federal licensing.

2015-17 Objectives

Administrative staff will work to ensure that 100% of the agricultural and pest control industry are making the transition to entering their pesticide use reports into the CalAg permit system directly.

Also, the Administrative staff will work with the agricultural industry to ensure they are entering inspection data directly into the Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance & Tracking System.

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AGRICULTURE

This program is divided into two main components, Pesticide Use Enforcement and Pest Prevention. These programs are designed to ensure the safe and legal use of pesticides in the agricultural and structural settings and to prevent the introduction of harmful exotic pests into this county through inspection of incoming agricultural products.

Staffing

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Adopted	Change from FY14-15 Ado to FY15-16 Rec	2015-16 Recommended	2016-17 Proposed
AG COMM/SEALER WGTS-MEAS	0.53	0.64	(0.34)	0.30	0.30
ASST DIRECTOR	0.91	0.91	0.04	0.95	0.95
EDP SYS & PROG ANLST	0.41	0.40	0.09	0.50	0.50
AGRI COMMISSIONER-DEPT	0.76	0.98	1.87	2.85	2.85
ADMIN OFFICE PRO	3.25	3.29	(1.60)	1.69	1.69
TEAM/PROJECT LDR-GEN	0.92	0.91	(0.91)	-	-
ENTOMOLOGIST	1.00	1.00	(0.50)	0.50	0.50
PLANT PATHOLOGIST	1.00	1.00	(0.50)	0.50	0.50
AGRI BIOLOGIST SUPV	1.62	2.00	-	2.00	2.00
AGRI PROGRAM SPECIALIST	0.77	1.00	(1.00)	-	-
AGRI BIOLOGIST	11.60	12.98	1.02	14.00	14.00
ADMN OFFICE PRO SR	-	-	0.84	0.84	0.84
Total	<u>22.77</u>	<u>25.12</u>	<u>(0.99)</u>	<u>24.13</u>	<u>24.13</u>

Revenue & Expenditures

Budget By Categories of Expenditures	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Adopted	Change from FY14-15 Ado to FY15-16 Rec	2015-16 Recommended	2016-17 Proposed
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 2,512,908	\$ 2,920,091	\$ (25,466)	\$ 2,894,625	\$ 2,948,781
Services and Supplies	558,937	547,530	33,570	581,100	552,100
Other Charges	206,631	249,883	70,317	320,200	340,400
Total Operating Expenditures	<u>3,278,476</u>	<u>3,717,504</u>	<u>78,421</u>	<u>3,795,925</u>	<u>3,841,281</u>
Increases to Fund Balances	306,700	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 3,585,176</u>	<u>\$ 3,717,504</u>	<u>\$ 78,421</u>	<u>\$ 3,795,925</u>	<u>\$ 3,841,281</u>
Budget By Categories of Revenues					
Licenses, Permits and Franchises	35,265	6,000	-	6,000	6,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,714,061	1,993,064	115,128	2,108,192	2,169,900
Charges for Services	512,863	564,000	12,500	576,500	576,500
Miscellaneous Revenue	16,778	240	9,960	10,200	10,200
Total Operating Revenues	<u>2,278,967</u>	<u>2,563,304</u>	<u>137,588</u>	<u>2,700,892</u>	<u>2,762,600</u>
Decreases to Fund Balances	173,677	9,000	(9,000)	-	-
General Fund Contribution	1,243,730	1,190,825	21,575	1,212,400	1,231,500
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 3,696,374</u>	<u>\$ 3,763,129</u>	<u>\$ 150,163</u>	<u>\$ 3,913,292</u>	<u>\$ 3,994,100</u>

* Please note that departments are not required to balance their budget at the program level.

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AGRICULTURE (CONT'D)

2014-15 Anticipated Accomplishments

The Department has taken the following steps to improve internal structural integrity as part of an improved, proactive succession planning program:

- Hired a new Assistant Agricultural Commissioner upon the retirement of the previous Assistant Agricultural Commissioner in 14/15
- Retained a Deputy Agricultural Commissioner responsible for the Santa Barbara Office and a Deputy Agricultural Commissioner responsible for the Santa Maria Office.
- Retained a Supervising Agricultural Biologist for the Santa Barbara Office and a Supervising Agricultural Biologist for the Santa Maria Office.
- Created leadership team of the department's managers and supervisors was created in order to meet on a regular basis for process improvement and propose recommendations to the department's executives. The team assists with formulating policies, rendering services, identifying areas of needed improvement and by actively participating in the department's decision making process.
- Formed Biologist/Inspector Advisory Committee (BIAC) of volunteers from the department's staff. The BIAC is an informal committee that provides assistance to the department's leadership team. The BIAC provides staff the work experience to prepare them to serve on official committees in the future and to be part of the department's decision making process.

A Department Deputy Agricultural Commissioner was appointed to several statewide technical advisory committees (TAC) in the area of pesticide use enforcement. This Deputy Agricultural Commissioner will continue to serve on the CalPEATS TAC and the CalAg Permit TAC. These TAC's will assist in developing online data systems that will be used by all Agricultural Commissioner's offices throughout California.

Staff reached out to schools in the County that are adjacent to agriculture and met with the school districts and school principals to provide outreach and information about their neighboring growers and their farming practices. Staff provided the adjacent growers with school contact information and facilitated communication between the growers and the schools to address any concerns and answer questions.

Completed and continue the pilot project scope and outline Grower Education and Compliance Assistance. The department conducted several grower education meetings throughout the year to help with improving pesticide enforcement compliance.

Coordinated and participated in several invasive weed eradication projects including Carnation Spurge removal in Mission Canyon and the removal of Pampas grass along Arroyo Burro Creek and along Jalama Road. Other projects included the Arundo removal in the Carpinteria Creek as well as Artichoke Thistle removal along the Gaviota Coast, San Marcos Foothills, and Happy Canyon.

Provided administrative support to the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

A Department Deputy Agricultural Commissioner continues to Chair the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee.

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AGRICULTURE (CONT'D)

2015-17 Objectives

Adapt current grower outreach, “Characteristics of a Good Applicator,” to train other types of pesticide handlers, such as structural pesticide businesses, maintenance gardener businesses and greenhouse applicators. The training provides pesticide handlers with scenario based education that focuses on situational awareness and making a safe pesticide application.

Improve customer service for the Cuyama Valley growers, by scheduling appointments for issuance of 2015 Restricted Material permits at the Cuyama Valley Family Resource Center.

In January 2015, the Agricultural Commissioner began scheduling monthly agricultural stakeholder roundtable meetings. The meetings are intended to share information about local and statewide issues that are currently impacting our agricultural industry. Agriculture stakeholders from each commodity group throughout the county are invited along with State and Federal political representatives.

Participate in the first Spray Safe Event held in Santa Barbara County. This event is a commitment to safe farming which was developed by growers and applicators to ensure worker safety and to protect the public health.

Collaborate with the citrus industry and growers to continue our outreach and education on the Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) pest that vectors the Huanglongbing (HLB), the devastating disease of citrus trees.

Fill current vacancies with full time Agricultural Biologists, and emphasize training and retention efforts for all positions to maintain core service levels and succession planning.

Acquire the required licensing as Agricultural Biologists, and assure that staff is prepared to become certified through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Export Services program as Accredited Certifying Officials in order to provide phytosanitary certification services to our local agricultural industry so that they can export their local agricultural products.

Prepare and train department staff for the November 2016 Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant Emergency Response Exercise.

Complete and implement development and testing of the CalPEAT’s statewide pesticide use enforcement data management system by 2017.

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WEIGHTS & MEASURES

The Weights and Measures Program protects businesses and consumers by ensuring the consumer is receiving full and fair measure and to provide equity in the marketplace for business.

Staffing

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Adopted	Change from FY14-15 Ado to FY15-16 Rec	2015-16 Recommended	2016-17 Proposed
AG COMM/SEALER WGTS-MEAS	0.08	0.07	(0.04)	0.03	0.03
ASST DIRECTOR	0.03	0.03	(0.01)	0.03	0.03
EDP SYS & PROG ANLST	0.06	0.07	(0.01)	0.06	0.06
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
ADMIN OFFICE PRO	0.71	0.67	(0.38)	0.29	0.29
AGRI BIOLOGIST	0.01	-	-	-	-
WGTS-MEASURES INSP	4.92	5.00	-	5.00	5.00
ADMN OFFICE PRO SR	-	-	0.16	0.16	0.16
Total	6.81	6.85	(0.28)	6.56	6.56

Revenue & Expenditures

Budget By Categories of Expenditures	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Adopted	Change from FY14-15 Ado to FY15-16 Rec	2015-16 Recommended	2016-17 Proposed
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 642,882	\$ 682,463	\$ 31,456	\$ 713,919	\$ 737,838
Services and Supplies	69,634	38,741	33,359	72,100	64,300
Other Charges	59,122	66,491	19,009	85,500	90,800
Total Operating Expenditures	771,637	787,695	83,824	871,519	892,938
Other Financing Uses	50,989	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 822,625	\$ 787,695	\$ 83,824	\$ 871,519	\$ 892,938
Budget By Categories of Revenues					
Licenses, Permits and Franchises	459,656	419,000	5,000	424,000	424,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	(1,200)	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	9,598	9,800	3,000	12,800	12,800
Miscellaneous Revenue	32,023	4,200	5,900	10,100	10,100
Total Operating Revenues	500,077	433,000	13,900	446,900	446,900
Decreases to Fund Balances	101,439	-	100,000	100,000	100,000
General Fund Contribution	302,570	317,500	5,800	323,300	328,400
Total Revenues	\$ 904,086	\$ 750,500	\$ 119,700	\$ 870,200	\$ 875,300

* Please note that departments are not required to balance their budget at the program level.

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WEIGHTS & MEASURES (CONT'D)

2014-15 Anticipated Accomplishments

Successfully recruited for and filled all Weights & Measures Program Inspector vacancies. Staff inspected 100% of the commercial weighing and measuring devices in the County.

Purchased a new slip-on prover unit which will increase the productivity and efficiency of the retail fuel meter (gas pumps) program.

Initiated a new undercover test purchase program and a new undercover California Recycle Value (CRV) sales program. The undercover test purchases are another type of price verification inspection which is intended to determine whether the business is identifying the product correctly and charging the correct advertised price. The undercover CRV inspection involves recycling businesses and is intended to determine whether a recycling business is calculating the CRV reimbursement correctly for the consumer.

Continue a working partnership with the District Attorney's (DA) office. The Deputy Sealer maintains regular communication with DA staff on our enforcement activities and the possible cooperation in future consumer protection cases.

Hosted compliance hearings for local businesses. These informal office hearings are intended to provide outreach and educate businesses regarding pricing and packaging requirements. The hearings are scheduled after the initial inspection discovered inaccurate pricing issues and packaging and labeling issues.

The Department's Weights & Measures Deputy Sealer has served as Vice-Chair for the Southern California Weights & Measures Deputy Association and will continue serving as Chair for 15/16. This group serves to promote uniformity and cooperation amongst weights and measures departments to discuss and resolve local and statewide issues.

The Department's Deputy Sealer also served as a voting delegate at the 2014 National Conference of Weights and Measures and the Western Weights and Measures Conference. These conferences are a forum for debate in the development of consensus standards for commercial devices, and price and quantity verifications, which are then adopted into State regulations.

2015-17 Objectives

Survey businesses, which include agricultural processing plants and wineries, to increase the number of businesses that qualify for the County Wholesale Packer Program.

Establish an additional staff member with a Class "B" commercial drivers license, currently the department has only one staff member with a Class "B" license. The license is required to drive the Department's heavy capacity weight truck which is used in the livestock, winery and vehicle scale inspection program.

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WEIGHTS & MEASURES (CONT'D)

Replace the aging 20-gallon Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) prover unit to a newer 25-gallon prover unit in order to ensure appropriate testing of LPG meters.

Explore other resources and venues for developing broader outreach to educate the public on the Weights and Measures program and how it affects everyone's daily lives through their consumer protection programs.