Humboldt County Board of Supervisors 2018/19 Budget Presentation

Humboldt County Agricultural Commissioner/ Sealer of Weights & Measures

Budget Units 261 & 279



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Purpose

- The office of the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & measures is Primarily a law enforcement agency responsible for the local administration and enforcement of laws and regulations that pertain to the office of the department of agriculture in Humboldt county
- The majority of commissioner/sealer programs are state mandated with authorities established in the California food and agriculture code, California business and professions code, and the California code of regulations

Mission

 To protect and promote the agricultural industry, environment, public health, safety and the interests of consumers in Humboldt County

Strategic Priority Framework

 The mission and goals of the Commissioner's office are consistent with the core focus of the board's strategic priority framework. The department enforces laws and regulations that promote a safe, healthy, and economically vibrant community

Staffing

- 8 full-time permanent employees
- 1 extra help employees

Funding

- 43% general fund
- Unclaimed gas tax
- Pesticide mill assessment
- State contracts,
- Commercial device registration program fees

Agriculture Programs "To Protect and Promote"

- Protecting and promoting agriculture, through the management of programs designed to achieve our mission through public outreach and enforcement tools
- Williamson Act Compliance Monitoring
- Pest Detection
- Pest Exclusion
- Sudden Oak Mortality
- Organic Program
- Direct Marketing
- Pesticide Use Enforcement
- Pest Management
- Crop Statistics

Weights & Measures Programs "That Equity May Prevail"

- Sealer serves all consumers as the local regulatory agency authorized ensuring "fairness and equity in the marketplace."
- Weights & measures enforcement efficiently and effectively protects local commerce, thus encouraging stability in the local and state economy
- The county sealer inspects, tests and certifies numerous devices, functions and activities associated with commerce. There are more than 8,000 commercial devices registered with Humboldt county
 - Device Inspection Program
 - Weighmaster Enforcement
 - Petroleum Program
 - Quantity Control

BU 279 Wildlife Services

- The Agricultural Commissioner's office administers the county's cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Services, Wildlife Services Division
- The wildlife services program provides protection to the general public and farming and ranching businesses from the risks posed by exposure to wildlife diseases and damage or losses of domestic animals from wildlife predation

Supplemental Budget Requests:

- Wildlife Services Program Funding
- Vehicle For New Cannabis Program Inspector
- Wireless Internet Infrastructure in the Agricultural Center

Accomplishments for FY 2017/18:

- Implementation of Cannabis Track & Trace Program
- Begin Cannabis Cultivation Site Inspections
- CACASA/CalCannabis Pilot Inspection County

Goals for FY 2018/19:

- Implement a local cannabis track & trace program to include the Humboldt "Artisanal" Branding
- Complete State and local Inspections of all permitted cannabis operations
- Continue outreach and education to the cannabis cultivation industry in the areas of pesticide use and weights & measures, and engage with the California Department of Food & Agriculture CalCannabis Cultivation Program on development of Cannabis Cultivation Regulations

