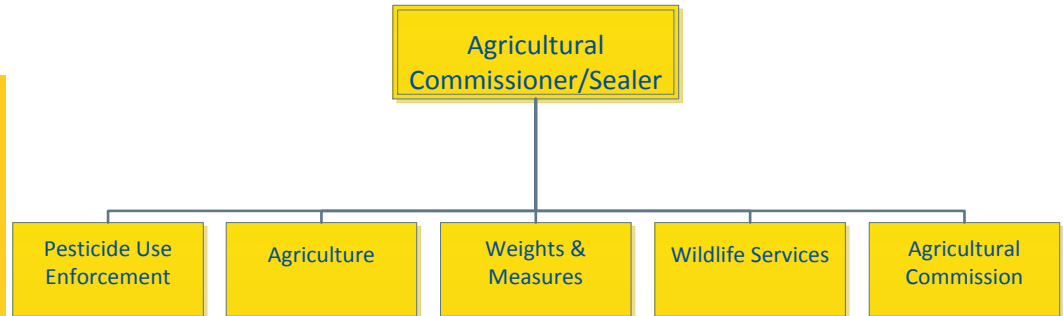




Agricultural Commissioner

Organizational Chart



Mission Statement

The Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures' mission is to protect, enhance and promote the preservation of agriculture and the environment while sustaining the public health, safety and welfare of all citizens, and to provide consumer and marketplace protections through the fair and equitable enforcement of laws and regulations.

Goals

Perform compliance monitoring of pesticide applications to protect the public, pesticide applicators, farmworkers and the environment from misuse of pesticides.

Continue inspections and surveys to help detect and prevent the introduction of harmful insects, diseases, or noxious weeds.

Protect the consumer and local businesses by inspecting and certifying all commercial weighing and measuring devices for accuracy.

Continue public education to decrease overall damages from nuisance animals.

Continue working with other county departments to agenzize and review projects in a timely manner.

Department Overview

The Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures is responsible for enforcing laws and regulations from the California Food and Agricultural Code, the Business and Professions Code, the Health & Safety Code, the Government Code, the Civil Code, the California Code of Regulations and the County of El Dorado Codes pertaining to agriculture, and weights and measures.

2015-16 Summary of Department Programs				
	Appropriation	Revenue	Net County Cost	Staffing
Pesticide Use Enforcement	\$387,313	\$213,613	\$173,700	3.27
Agriculture	\$530,007	\$459,243	\$70,764	3.64
Weights & Measures	\$166,772	\$121,537	\$45,235	1.38
Wildlife Services	\$177,435	\$49,591	\$127,844	1.30
Agricultural Commission	\$57,441	\$16,055	\$41,386	0.41
TOTAL	\$1,318,968	\$860,039	\$458,929	10.00

Recommended Budget Highlights for Agricultural Commissioner

The Recommended Budget represents an increase \$17,542 or 2.0% in revenues and an increase of \$9,954 or 0.8% in appropriations when compared to the FY 2014-15 approved budget. As a result, the Net County Cost decreased by \$7,588 or 1.6%.

The change in revenue reflects an increase in funding for small farm inspections (based on three year cycle) and noxious weed funding, both through the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, offset with a decrease for the Sudden Oak Death (SOD) program (\$31,478) as identified during the mid-year FY 2014-15 budget update. Funds from the State for SOD activities have been greatly reduced due to no positive SOD finds over the past two years. As such, the State has transitioned the County's status to non-infested and non-regulated within the County. Department staff will continue to look for signs of SOD during regular inspections, however only State requests for SOD inspections will be reimbursed. The estimated Unclaimed Gas Tax funding amount for FY 2015-16 is \$273,421 and is based on the actual amount received in FY 2014-15.

Appropriations remain relatively flat with a slight increase of \$9,954. Salaries and benefits are increasing \$55,371, largely offset by a decrease in services and supplies (\$38,160), and other smaller reductions (totaling \$7,257). Extra help employees utilized for weed eradication and similar duties are largely funded through State, Federal, and local grants totaling \$204,572 for FY 2015-16.

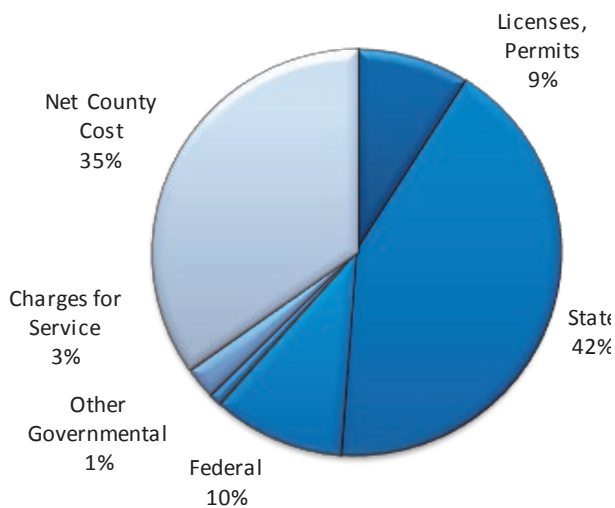
Service Impacts

In order to meet the 6.25% reduction target set by the Board, the Department is recommending a decrease in funding for a contract with the USDA for Wildlife services that will likely result in citizens needing to contract for pest control services with private professional pest control operators. Staff will explore options for either funding this contract entirely or locating like services to assist resident.

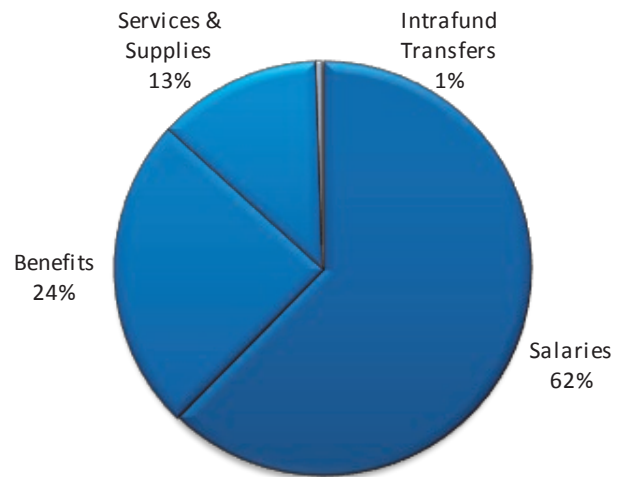
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	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	15/16
	Actual	Actual	Projected	Dept Req	CAO Rec
Licenses, Permits	108,259	123,725	117,363	118,863	118,863
Fines, Forfeitures	1,680	-	-	-	-
Use of Money	224	160	300	300	300
State	618,339	595,130	556,946	555,918	555,918
Federal	67,636	50,520	126,673	137,338	137,338
Other Governmental	13,727	28,727	13,727	13,727	13,727
Charges for Service	41,948	20,499	6,193	33,693	33,693
Misc.	7,022	176	200	200	200
Total Revenue	858,835	818,937	821,402	860,039	860,039
Salaries	683,818	729,800	786,143	821,960	821,960
Benefits	315,903	274,458	318,525	322,279	322,279
Services & Supplies	143,468	181,427	196,281	167,921	167,921
Other Charges	9,020	3,504	3,248	1,000	1,000
Fixed Assets	5,304	-	-	-	-
Intrafund Transfers	8,180	3,344	4,817	5,808	5,808
Total Appropriations	1,165,693	1,192,533	1,309,014	1,318,968	1,318,968
NCC	306,858	373,596	487,612	458,929	458,929
FTE's	10	10	10	10	10

Source of Funds



Use of Funds



Source of Funds—Agricultural Commissioner

License, Permit, & Franchises (\$118,863): This revenue is from registration and license fees from structural and other pest control operators and pilots, as well as commercial weighing and measuring device registration fees.

Use of Money & Property (\$300): The department rents a gopher machine, spray and weed equipment to the general public.

State Contracts (\$555,918): The Agriculture Department's largest revenue source outside of the County's General Fund is unclaimed gas tax at \$273,421. Other large sources of funding in the state category include \$131,279 for state contracts and reimbursements for pest detection, and \$143,858 reimbursement for the County portion of the State mill assessment based on pesticide sales.

Federal (\$137,338): This includes federally funded grants for the noxious weed program through the California Department of Food and Agriculture. This year the department secured new funding through Sierra Nevada Conservancy for the noxious weed eradication program. With these funds we are able to continue our survey and detection efforts to protect El Dorado County from noxious weeds. This funding is integral to our continued efforts in protecting agriculture and our natural resources detrimental effects of noxious weeds.

Other Governmental Agencies (\$13,727): This category includes contracts with Alpine County to enforce agricultural, weights & measures services.

Charge for Services (\$33,693): Charges for service primarily consists of the Agricultural Commission's review fees for agriculture zoning related issues for general plan implementation, and small farm inspections for El Dorado Irrigation District. Other charges include hazardous materials emergency business plan inspections, and testing of non-commercial scales at an hourly charge.

Miscellaneous (\$200): A small amount of revenue is generated from the sale of Neutroleum Alpha, an odor masker and the sale of nonrestricted-use pesticide gas cartridges for ground squirrel control.

Net County Cost (\$458,929): The department is primarily funded with discretionary General Fund tax dollars. These revenues are collected in Department 15 – General Fund Other Operations.

Use of Funds—Agricultural Commissioner

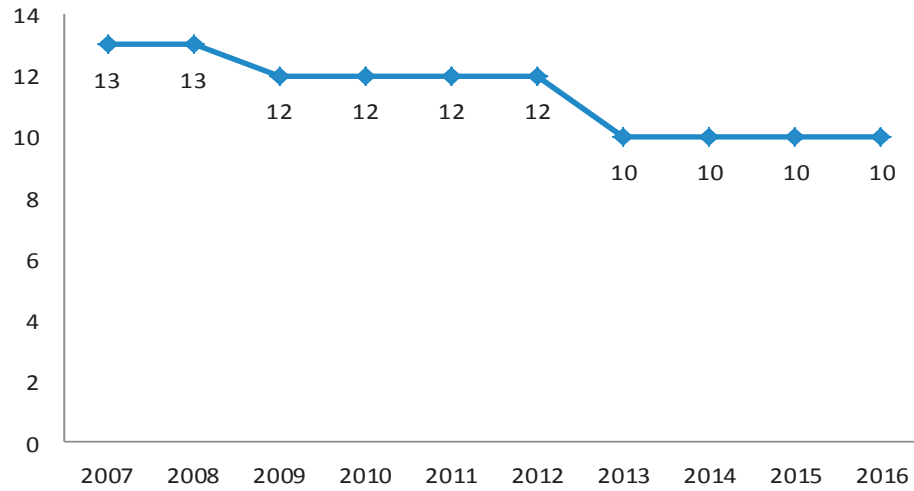
Salaries & Benefits (\$1,144,239): Primarily comprised of permanent salaries (\$693,617), health insurance (\$123,481), temporary help (\$116,259) and retirement (\$149,396).

Services & Supplies (\$167,921): Primarily comprised of & specialized services related to Agricultural and Weights & Measures purchases; United State Department of Agriculture, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service Contract (\$53,000) with department cuts of < \$25,000, leaving \$28,000 of funds for the program, rental and lease of vehicles (\$32,086), general liability insurance (\$5,257) and fuel purchases (\$23,413).

Other Charges (\$1,000): Other charges consist of charges from the Department of Transportation for maintenance services on county owned vehicles.

Intrafund Transfers (\$5,808): Primarily charges for aerial photos, IT programming, mail and stores cost applied charges.

Staffing Trend for Agricultural Commissioner



Staffing for the Agriculture Department has decreased slightly over the past several years. The Department is not requesting any staffing changes in FY 2015-16.

Classification Title	2014-15 Adjusted Allocation	2015-16 Dept Request	2015-16 CAO Recm'd	Diff from Adjusted
Ag Comm./Sealer Weights & Measures	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Administrative Technician	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Ag Biologist/Standards Inspector VII/Sr.	5.00	5.00	5.00	-
Deputy Ag Commissioneer	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Sr. Office Assistant	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Wildlife Specialist	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Department Total	10.00	10.00	10.00	-

Pesticide Use Enforcement Program

Program Summary:

The pesticide laws and regulations of California require safe, responsible handling of pesticides from the time of purchase through transportation, storage, usage and disposal. The safety of employees, the environment, and the public are of paramount importance in this program. The enforcement of the regulations by this department applies to all agricultural, -agricultural and structural usage. The more toxic pesticides are regulated under the restricted materials permit program.

The two main revenue sources are: California Department of Food and Agriculture unclaimed gas tax for Pesticide Regulatory Activities pursuant to §224(a) of the Food and Agricultural Code, and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation distribution of the Pesticide Mill Assessment collections in accordance with §12844 of the Food and Agricultural Code.

Program Accomplishments:

- ◆ Issued 120 restricted materials permits and 365 operator identification numbers.
- ◆ Reviewed 240 24 hour notice of intents for restricted material applications.
- ◆ Performed pre-application site inspections that met state standards.
- ◆ Conducted continuing education sessions to pesticide applicators to aid in compliance of pesticide laws & regulations.
- ◆ Completed our three year enforcement work plan and submitted it to the State.

Agriculture Program

Program Summary:

Responsible for numerous mandated programs that promote, protect and enhance various aspects of agricultural activities: **Pest Exclusion** - plant protection and quarantine; **Pest Detection** - early detection of exotic pests using insect detection traps; **Pest Management-Vegetation Management** - There are nine different noxious weed species under eradication throughout the County. Most weed species in El Dorado County are listed as 'A' rated weeds by the State, and are of limited distribution throughout California; **Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS)** - initiated in 1999 to prevent the introduction of this insect to El Dorado County. GWSS is known to spread Pierce's Disease, which can devastate vineyard plantings. The pest-monitoring program includes inspections of all nursery stock shipped into the County from known infested areas. Historically the department utilizes extra-help Agricultural Biology Technician employees (6) for Pest Management programs; **Vertebrate Pest Management** - advice on rodent control; **Integrated Pest Management** - emphasizes preventive methods that provide economical, long-term solutions to pest problems; **Nursery and Seed inspections** -- protecting customers and growers; **Apiary Inspection** - inspections are made for the purpose of sustaining the continued health of the bee industry in California which directly translates into the successful production of numerous crops; **Fresh Fruit, Nut, and Vegetable, Honey Quality Control and Egg Quality Control** – enforcement of quality standards protecting the consumer;

Certified Farmers' Market (Direct Marketing) - markets give the producers of farm products the option of selling directly to the consumer without the requirements of meeting size, pack, container, and labeling requirements (Standardization). These markets give the public a "direct" link to the production of the crop by buying the produce from the grower; **Organic Producers** – Our department is the local enforcement agency concerning the registration, investigation of complaints and auditing of organic producers and handlers; and **Crop Report** – California Food and Agricultural Code requirement for the purpose of publishing an accurate and meaningful report concerning the agricultural conditions in El Dorado/Alpine County.

Administration positions are proportionally allocated to provide oversight, direction and support for Agriculture programs which includes budgeting, accounting, personnel, payroll, purchasing, office support and contract administration of contracts through the State of California, Department of Food and Agriculture and private grants. The principle funding source for these programs is the County's share of unclaimed gas tax as authorized by the Food and Agricultural Code § 224(g)

Program Accomplishments:

- ◆ Placed 1080 insect traps in both urban and rural areas, and serviced them 7600 times, to detect and prevent the establishment of exotic and harmful pests.
- ◆ Certified 13 Farmers' Markets and 74 Certified Producers
- ◆ Registered 24 organic producers and businesses
- ◆ Conducted 290 inspections at over 220 locations (retail nurseries, residential locations and rural locations) from out of state or quarantined areas to prevent the introduction of detrimental insects, diseases or noxious weeds.
- ◆ Conducted early detection for noxious weeds at over 500 sites.

Weights & Measures Program

Program Summary:

The mission of weights and measures is to allow a good value comparison to the consumer while maintaining fair competition between businesses. Weights & Measures affects everyone's daily life through the inspections of all commercially used devices such as gas pumps, scales and scanners and also the testing of packages to ensure the product inside the package actually weighs or measures as much as is stated on the label. The department also enforces requirements for petroleum products including antifreeze, brake fluid, motor oil, grades of diesel and octane levels of gasoline. This year the expanded weighmaster contract is intended to deter fraudulent transactions at junk dealers and recyclers, to decrease the sale of stolen property.

The department's revenue sources include inspection reimbursement for Service Agents, Petroleum Products Compliance and Weighmaster Enforcement through the State of California, Department of Food and Agriculture Division of Measurement Standards and the annual device registration for commercially used devices such as gasoline dispensers, scales, taxicabs, etc.

Program Accomplishments:

- ◆ Inspected 2900 commercial weighing and measuring devices
- ◆ Completed 60 Petroleum Inspections
- ◆ Conducted Weighmaster inspections of junk dealers and recyclers when notified of their license renewal by the state.
- ◆ Investigated price verification complaints in a timely manner.
- ◆ Investigated numerous fuel quality complaints.

Wildlife Services Program

Program Summary:

The Wildlife Services works to maintain a biologically-sound integrated wildlife damage management program assisting public agencies, businesses, private citizens, schools, property owners, farmers, and ranchers in a cooperative venture between El Dorado/Alpine County, United States Department of Agriculture and California Fish and Wildlife. Wildlife services is the counties program intended to provide Federal leadership and skill to resolve wildlife interactions that threaten public health and safety, as well as agricultural, property, and natural resources.

The main focus of the program is to remove only the animals that are causing the problem.

Administration and oversight are provided by the Agricultural Commissioner and the USDA Regional Wildlife Services Supervisor. The department's appropriations include a contract with USDA. Revenue's include a portion of unclaimed gas tax received from the State of California, Department of Food and Agriculture. The USDA provides 1.0 FTE through contract to match the County's 1.0 FTE dedicated to this program.

Program Accomplishments:

- ◆ Assistance to farmers and property owners with predator identification when livestock was killed or property was damaged.
- ◆ 1,343 field visits to offer education and technical assistance to the public.
- ◆ Conducted over 263 Health and Safety visits.
- ◆ Protected over 25,239 acres.
- ◆ Passed out over 275 leaflets

Agricultural Commission Program

Program Summary:

Created in 1967 by the Board of Supervisors, the seven member Agricultural Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the Board and the Planning Commission on all matters related to agriculture. The Agricultural Commission's scope of interest includes a wide variety of agricultural, timber and land use issues including agricultural land preservation, agricultural production, forestland preservation and forest production. The Commission also advises the Board of procedures and techniques requiring legislative or policy actions that would encourage and promote agricultural activities that are conducive to the continued well-being of El Dorado/Alpine County.

Program Accomplishments:

- ◆ Began posting meeting agendas (including staff reports and minutes) on Legistar
- ◆ Reviewed and provided comments on the TGPA-ZOU Draft EIR.
- ◆ Reviewed and approved three Agricultural Setback Relief applications
- ◆ Reviewed and provided recommendations on an Employee Temporary Mobile Home application that was in arrears by three, two-year cycles and created a spread sheet to track when these temporary situations should come up for review.
- ◆ Provided timely recommendations to the Board of Supervisors to fill member positions.

El Dorado County
 Detail of Financing Sources and Financing Uses
 Governmental Funds
 Fiscal Year 2015-16

Budget Unit **26 Agricultural Commissioner**
 Function **Public Protection**
 Activity **Protection Inspection**

Detail by Revenue Category and Expenditure Object	2013-14 Actual	2014-15	2015-16 Department Requested	2015-16 CAO Recommended
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Licenses, Permits and Franchises

0210 Business Licenses	\$ 5,015	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
0260 Other License and Permits	118,710	112,363	113,863	113,863
Total Licenses, Permits and Franchises	\$ 123,725	\$ 117,363	\$ 118,863	\$ 118,863

Revenue from Use of Money and Property

0421 Rent - Equipment	\$ 160	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
Total Revenue from Use of Money and Property	\$ 160	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300

Intergovernmental Revenue - State

0720 State - Agriculture	\$ 162,656	\$ 131,662	\$ 131,279	\$ 131,279
0722 State - Pesticide Use Enforcement	148,939	144,503	143,858	143,858
0723 State - Seed Inspection	200	200	200	200
0724 State - Nursery Inspection	1,170	500	500	500
0727 State - Weights and Measures	4,565	6,460	6,460	6,460
0728 State - Fruit and Vegetable Certificate	210	200	200	200
0729 State - Unclaimed Gas Tax Refund	277,390	273,421	273,421	273,421
Total Intergovernmental Revenue - State	\$ 595,131	\$ 556,946	\$ 555,918	\$ 555,918

Intergovernmental Revenue - Federal

1100 Federal - Other	\$ 50,520	\$ 126,673	\$ 137,338	\$ 137,338
Total Intergovernmental Revenue - Federal	\$ 50,520	\$ 126,673	\$ 137,338	\$ 137,338

Revenue Other Governmental Agencies

1200 Other - Governmental Agencies	\$ 28,727	\$ 13,727	\$ 13,727	\$ 13,727
Total Revenue Other Governmental Agencies	\$ 28,727	\$ 13,727	\$ 13,727	\$ 13,727

Charges for Services

1480 Agricultural Services	\$ 18,607	\$ 3,550	\$ 31,050	\$ 31,050
1742 Miscellaneous Copy Fees	-	100	100	100
1744 Miscellaneous Inspections or Services	1,350	2,000	2,000	2,000
1800 Interfund Revenue	541	543	543	543
Total Charges for Services	\$ 20,499	\$ 6,193	\$ 33,693	\$ 33,693

Miscellaneous Revenues

1920 Other Sales	\$ 176	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 176	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200

Total Revenue	\$ 818,937	\$ 821,402	\$ 860,039	\$ 860,039
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Salaries and Employee Benefits

3000 Permanent Employees / Elected Officials	\$ 623,932	\$ 664,536	\$ 693,617	\$ 693,617
3001 Temporary Employees	94,219	110,073	116,259	116,259
3002 Overtime	5,922	5,000	5,000	5,000
3004 Other Compensation	5,727	6,534	7,084	7,084
3020 Employer Share - Employee Retirement	122,864	138,501	149,396	149,396
3022 Employer Share - Medi Care	10,319	11,399	11,648	11,648
3040 Employer Share - Health Insurance	122,669	132,216	123,481	123,481
3041 Employer Share - Unemployment Insurance	839	2,132	-	-
3042 Employer Share - Long Term Disab Insurance	1,062	1,694	1,734	1,734

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3043 Employer Share - Deferred Compensation	3,220	3,353	3,695	3,695
3046 Retiree Health - Defined Contributions	11,184	9,769	10,272	10,272
3060 Employer Share - Workers' Compensation	1,945	7,461	10,053	10,053
3080 Flexible Benefits	356	12,000	12,000	12,000
Total Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 1,004,258	\$ 1,104,668	\$ 1,144,239	\$ 1,144,239

Services and Supplies

4000 Agriculture	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
4020 Clothing and Personal Supplies	676	750	1,500	1,500
4040 Telephone Company Vendor Payments	831	1,200	1,200	1,200
4041 Cnty Pass thru Telephone Chrges to Depts	292	500	500	500
4080 Household Expense	487	500	500	500
4100 Insurance - Premium	33,882	5,492	5,257	5,257
4140 Maintenance - Equipment	-	500	500	500
4141 Maintenance - Office Equipment	-	300	200	200
4144 Maintenance - Computer System Supplies	1,200	1,237	1,237	1,237
4160 Maintenance Vehicles - Service Contract	341	2,000	4,000	4,000
4161 Maintenance Vehicles - Parts/Direct Chrg	593	1,000	500	500
4162 Maintenance Vehicles - Supplies	-	100	100	100
4164 Maintenance Vehicles - Tires and Tubes	-	500	1,000	1,000
4165 Maintenance Vehicles - Oil and Grease	-	100	100	100
4180 Maintenance - Building and Improvements	-	400	400	400
4220 Memberships	3,725	4,620	4,620	4,620
4221 Memberships - Legislative Advocacy	14,003	14,003	14,316	14,316
4260 Office Expense	2,069	5,000	4,000	4,000
4261 Postage	1,912	3,200	3,200	3,200
4262 Software	-	2,600	2,600	2,600
4263 Subscription / Newspaper / Journals	278	300	300	300
4264 Books / Manuals	-	300	300	300
4265 Law Books	-	275	275	275
4266 Printing / Duplicating	797	1,250	1,000	1,000
4300 Professional and Specialized Services	37,837	49,404	36,400	36,400
4324 Medical, Dental and Lab Services	2,596	1,646	1,323	1,323
4400 Publication and Legal Notices	139	400	400	400
4420 Rents and Leases - Equipment	7,450	4,500	3,500	3,500
4460 Small Tools and Instruments	1,331	2,400	1,500	1,500
4461 Minor Equipment	2,972	2,600	2,000	2,000
4462 Minor Computer Equipment	2,311	3,194	3,194	3,194
4464 Minor Law Enforcement Equipment	-	2,360	-	-
4500 Special Departmental Expense	865	1,600	1,900	1,900
4503 Staff Development	1,142	2,000	2,000	2,000
4529 Software License	-	3,300	3,300	3,300
4534 Ammunition	212	500	500	500
4600 Transportation and Travel	492	1,800	2,300	2,300
4602 Employee - Private Auto Mileage	441	950	1,500	1,500
4605 Vehicle - Rent or Lease	34,344	34,500	32,086	32,086
4606 Fuel Purchases	27,769	34,000	23,413	23,413

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4608 Hotel Accommodations	442	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Services and Supplies	\$ 181,427	\$ 196,281	\$ 167,921	\$ 167,921
Other Charges				
5300 Interfund Expenditures	\$ 3,504	\$ 3,248	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Total Other Charges	\$ 3,504	\$ 3,248	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Intrafund Transfers				
7200 Intrafund Transfers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
7223 Intrafund: Mail Service	2,780	2,774	3,021	3,021
7224 Intrafund: Stores Support	110	43	287	287
7231 Intrafund: IS Programming Support	207	1,500	1,500	1,500
7232 Intrafund: Maint Bldg & Improvmnts	247	500	500	500
Total Intrafund Transfers	\$ 3,344	\$ 4,817	\$ 5,808	\$ 5,808
Total Expenditures/Appropriations	\$ 1,192,533	\$ 1,309,014	\$ 1,318,968	\$ 1,318,968
Net Cost	\$ (373,596)	\$ (487,612)	\$ (458,929)	\$ (458,929)

