# Agriculture

2021-23 Recommended Budget

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#### Mission

- To protect agricultural and environmental resources,
- Ensure the safe use of pesticides,
- Provide consumer protection, and ensure equity in the marketplace....

... through the enforcement of State and Federal statutes and policies concerning agriculture, weights, and measures.





## FY 2021-23 Budget Overview

#### Priorities

 Develop and revise training curriculum for new Biologist/Standards Specialists

- Register and implement Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) compliance monitoring program

Establish a local verification program for agricultural producers to access their property in evacuation zones to mitigate losses





#### FY 2021-23 Budget Overview

#### Challenges

- Prepare and respond to emerging pest threats, including the Spotted Lanternfly
  - Supporting new growers to ensure compliance with state and ...
    Tederal pesticide safety and worker safety regulations
  - Continue coordination and implementation of County and State cannabis and hemp regulations





# FY 2021-22 Budget Overview

	FY 2020-21 Revised	FY 2021-22 Recommended	Amount Change	Percent Change
Total Sources	\$5,395,610	\$5,161,437	\$ (234,173)	-4%
Total Requirements	\$8,120,153	\$8,167,545	\$47,392	1%
Net County Cost	\$2,724,543	\$3,006,108	\$281,565	10%
Total Positions	30	30	-	-
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# FY 2022-23 Budget Overview

	FY 2021-22 Recommended	FY 2022-23 Preliminary Recommended	Amount Change	Percent Change
Total Sources	\$5,161,437	\$4,973,707	\$ (187,730)	-4%
Total Requirements	\$8,167,545	\$8,048,638	\$ (118,907)	-1%
Net County Cost	\$3,006,108	\$3,074,931	\$68,823	2%
Total Positions	30	30	-	-
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#### Innovation

- Implementation of new software (CalCATS) for timesheet reporting and activity tracking for Agricultural and Weights & Measures inspections
- Transitioning from PCs to laptops to support field inspections and telecommuting
  - Initiated a pilot program for loaning electronic devices to growers for remote pesticide safety training of at-risk English and Spanish-speaking field workers





# **Performance & Equity**

- Percent of Fieldworker Inspections Completed In Spanish
  - To better inform field workers of laws and regulations concerning their safety
- Percent of Commercial Weights & Measures Devices in Compliance with Regulations
  - Committed to reducing violations in disadvantaged communities





# **C.A.R.E. for Employees**

- Instituted a Process Improvement Committee to create a collaborative approach to solving department-wide challenges
- Support of membership in professional organizations for career growth
  - Promoted Wellness initiatives to improve the overall wellbeing of all employees





# **C.A.R.E. for Customers**

- Launched an online payment solution for businesses to pay device registration fees
- Translated technical program material in other languages to promote compliance and engagement with regulated industries
  - Performing audit inspections for businesses in newly regulated programs to promote compliance





