

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:
June 9, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Cooperative Extension

Subject: **Report Back On Possible Alternative Funding Sources for the Cooperative Extension**

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On Thursday, May 14, 2009 your Board requested further information regarding alternative funding sources for the Cooperative Extension. The specific questions were:

- Why is Environmental Management not providing funding?
- What about Water Quality, Water Resources, and Waste Management and Recycling?

This report addresses that request.

BACKGROUND:

In Fiscal Year 2008-2009, the Cooperative Extension received revenue from the Public Authority In-Home Supportive Services program in the amount of \$9,150 for Caregiver education services. In addition a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Waste Management and Recycling of \$10,000 was executed to provide compost workshops to Sacramento County citizens who were provided solid waste services by the Department and an MOU with Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District to provide maintenance of a revegetation project related to the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle in the amount of \$24,850. Cooperative Extension also received a reimbursement of \$5,150 from the Environmental Management Department (EMD) to provide Food Safety Consumer Fact Sheets that were posted on the Department's internet site.

DISCUSSION:

In the past year, the Cooperative Extension has been notified by Departments that due to budget reductions in many of their programs annual MOU's for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 would not be renewed. The Department has actively reduced expenditures to offset falling revenue levels and has met or spoken via telephone with Departments to discuss possible options.

On May 28, 2009, the Cooperative Extension had a meeting with the Environmental Management Department (EMD) to discuss a renewal of the past years reimbursement agreement. The possibility of an MOU in the amount of \$5,000 is still in negotiations. The Department of Waste Management and Recycling was contacted and indicated that due to budget

reductions in their department they can no longer fund the compost workshops because the workshops are not mandated services. The Water Quality and Water Resource Departments were not contacted due to limited resources available from the Cooperative Extension to expand services with these departments.

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