

Program Title: Pest Detection/Exclusion/Glassy Winged Sharp Shooter

FTE: 2.0

Program Description: Federally funded canine pest exclusion program.

Reduction: (Loss of Federal Revenue and no General Fund Savings)

Total Budget	Federal Revenue Reduction	Revised Budget	% Reduced	Total Program FTEs	Reduction in FTEs	% Reduced
\$2,213,297	\$162,549	\$2,050,748	7.3%	11.8	2.0	17%

Program Impact:

The elimination of the canine inspection team is necessary due to seniority in the classification and does not save the County any general fund.

This reduction will result in the layoff of the canine handler in the recently enacted, federally funded, canine pest exclusion inspection program. Without the handler, the dog would be retired and returned to USDA. The program revenue fully funds the handler, and the added administrative overhead funds one additional inspector position in the department. Due to seniority, the inspector will be moved to APOSS and bump a lower seniority person. Therefore the loss of the program revenue means losing two positions and a nationally recognized program that is making significant inroads to prevent exotic pests from entering the state. There are five such dogs in the state, with others slated to be added this fall. The dog and handler recently made national news with a pest interception at a local FedEx facility. The loss of this program will negatively impact Sacramento County's pest prevention program as well as having an impact on a newly established and fully funded program that has gained significant attention at the state and federal level.

The County would lose the ability to identify unmarked packages containing plant material and meat that may harbor exotic pests and disease. In addition, the elimination of an additional inspector in the program diminishes the ability to inspect all of the facilities processing packaged goods that can, and do, harbor such pests. While the inspector can only inspect marked packages, even some of those would go un-inspected as a result of the proposed staffing reduction.
