Department Name: Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures

Option 1: Reduce General Fund \$63,300 FTE: 1.0

Program Title: Weights & Measures Device Inspection

Program Description: Inspection of commercial weighing and measuring devices

Reduction:

				Total		
Total		Revised	%	Program	Reduction	%
Budget	Reduction	Budget	Reduced	FTEs	in FTEs	Reduced
\$1,070,828	\$63,300	\$1,007,528	6%	8.2	1.0	12.2%

Program Impact:

This reduction would result in the elimination of a position in the weights and measure program and impact the ability to meet mandated inspection levels in the Weights and Measures Division and in the Agricultural Division. In addition, this reduction would force the elimination of the canine guarantine inspection team including two additional positions (see item 2).

To meet the general fund reduction of \$63,300, the department will shift an inspector in the Weights and Measures, Device Inspection program and an inspector in the Pest Prevention program to the Automated Point of Sale System inspection program (APOSS). The transfer of these inspectors to the APOSS program would severely impact the ability to meet mandated inspection levels in the Weights and Measures Division and Agricultural Division. It would also severely impact the current level of inspection in the APOSS program as a result of the time necessary for the retraining of staff performing the inspections.

The department is anticipating reductions in inspection frequencies across all programs as a result of losing six positions to staffing reductions and lay offs in the previous nine months. The additional reductions will impact mandated service levels for Weights and Measures, Device Inspection Program and will put device registration funding (\$500,000) at risk. The loss of staff in the agricultural program would impact gas tax revenue in the following fiscal year that would likely result in additional staffing reductions.

Due to this staffing reduction, there is also an impact to the Canine Pest Exclusion Program based on classification seniority.

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

FTE: <u>2.0</u>

Program Description: Federally funded canine pest exclusion program.

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

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		Federal			Total			
	Total	Revenue	Revised	%	Program	Reduction	%	
	Budget	Reduction	Budget	Reduced	FTEs	in FTEs	Reduced	
	\$2,213297	\$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.