

**Department Name: Cooperative Extension**

**Option 1: Reduce General Fund      \$21,321      FTE: 0.5**

**Program Title: Cooperative Extension**

**Program Description:** Cooperative Extension serves the county through the creation, development, and application of knowledge in agriculture (including pest management), and natural and human resources. Cooperative Extension is the only county department that provides a variety of core programs, services, and research to enhance the quality of life and economic capacity of youth, adults, and communities.

**Reduction:**

Total Budget	Reduction	Revised Budget	% Reduced	Total Program FTEs	Reduction in FTEs	% Reduced
\$321,060	\$21,321	\$299,739	6.64%	2.1	.5	23.8%

**Program Impact:**

Reductions to the Cooperative Extension's general fund allocation would further reduce the Department's clerical support from 1.3 FTE to .8 FTE. Staff would not be available to provide adequate support to the Master Gardener, 4-H, Master Food Preserver, Nutrition, Senior Health and Agricultural (local growers) programs provided by the Department to the citizens of Sacramento County. Daily public counter access would be reduced by 50% Monday – Friday. A Department representative ability to support countywide meetings, respond to bio-terrorism, exotic pests and diseases, and natural disasters would be severely reduced.

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