

# Agriculture/Weights & Measures Department

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Department overview

# Mission

- To protect, enhance and promote the preservation of agriculture and the environment while sustaining the public health, safety and welfare of all citizens, and to provide consumer and marketplace protections through the fair and equitable enforcement of laws and regulations

# Ag Department Programs

Pest Exclusion

Pest Detection

Pest Management

Noxious Weeds

Nursery

Seeds

Phytosanitary Certs

Farmers Markets

Organics

Honey

Fruit, Nut and

Vegetable Quality

Eggs

Pesticide Enforcement

Crop Statistics

Apiary

# Ag Department Programs cont.

Device Inspections

Pricing Accuracy

Quantity Control

Weighmaster Audits

Petroleum

Complaint Investigations

HazMat Inspections on Farms

Outreach

Ag Commission

Cannabis

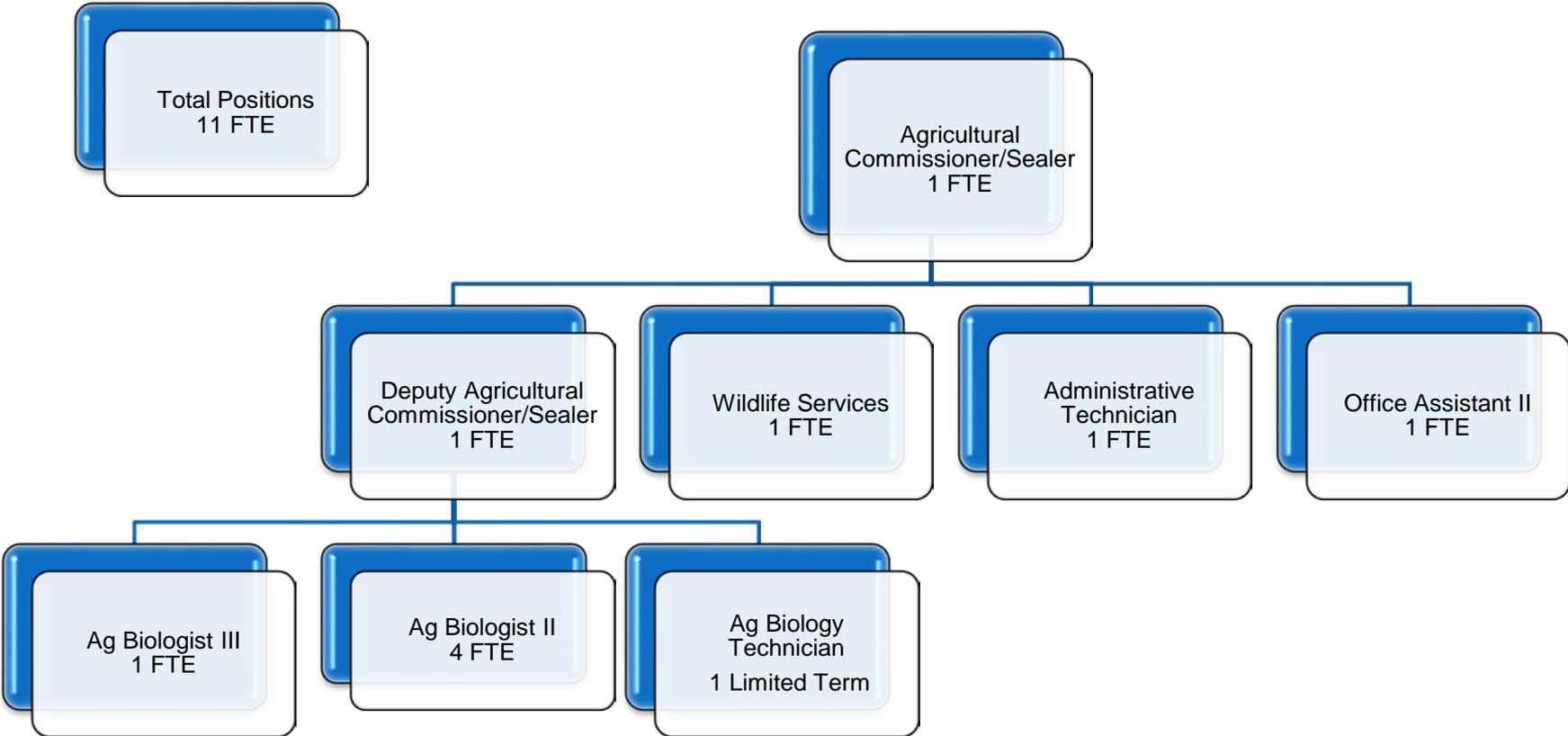
Ag Grading

Wildlife Services

Crop Verification

Industrial Hemp

# Organizational Chart



# Current Year Budget

- Department budget of \$1.6 million
- Net County Cost of \$529,875

# Main Sources of Revenue

- State & Federal funds to administer programs
- Unclaimed Gas Tax
- General Fund
- Pesticide Mill
- Funds from licenses/permits

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- Unclaimed Gas Tax \$477,969
- State Contracts \$205,223
- Pesticide Mill \$143,662
- Device Registration fees \$138,150

# Device Registration Fee

Annual fee to recover the costs of inspecting or testing weighing and measuring devices, not to exceed the county's total cost of actual inspection. Fee amounts are set in state code.

# Pesticide Mill

- The mill assessment on pesticide products is 21 mills (0.021) per dollar sales for all sales of registered pesticides for use in CA
- Funds allocated to each county is based on set criteria in regulation and each county's pest control activities, costs and workload.

# Unclaimed Gas Tax

- A number of years ago Cal Trans, with the Air Resources Board, developed a formula to estimate the amount of taxed gasoline used by Agriculture and Landscapers.
- Taxes that are not claimed for refunds are distributed to the CA Department of Food and Agriculture to be used by the department and Counties for the administration of Agricultural programs.

# Maintenance of Effort

- Food and Agricultural Code 224.5
- In order to be eligible for the distribution of the Unclaimed Gas Tax funds the County must maintain county general fund support for agricultural commissioner services at least equal to the average amount expended for the five preceding fiscal years

# Maintenance of Effort

- An Annual Financial Statement of program expenditures and revenues is required to be submitted to the CA Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
- The Department will meet the Maintenance of Effort five year average to be eligible for the FY 20/21 distribution of Unclaimed Gas Tax funds.

# Potential Changes

The Governor has proposed in the 2021-22 State Budget to increase the Pesticide Mill over a four year period. Included in this is additional money distributed to counties for reimbursement of increases to mandated pesticide enforcement work. These proposals will require legislation changes and may not be supported by the agricultural community.

# Questions?