

# Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures

## MISSION

Protect the environment, agriculture, consumers, and business operators through effective services, guidance, and enforcement of laws & regulations

## MANDATORY & MAJOR DUTIES

- Agricultural Pest Prevention & Response
- Pesticide Regulation & Environmental Protection
- Agricultural Trade & Product Certification
- Consumer Protection (Weights & Measures Enforcement)



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## CURRENT BUDGET OVERVIEW

FY 2025-2026  
Final Adopted Budget  
(\$ Millions)

<b>Total Appropriation</b> <i>(What We Budgeted to Spend in FY 2025-26)</i>		<b>\$69.9</b>
	Salaries & Employee Benefits (443 positions)	<b>59.4</b> (85%)
	Services & Supplies	<b>9.9</b> (14%)
	Other (Cap Assets/Equip, Other Charges)	<b>0.6</b> (1%)
<b>Sources of Funding</b> <i>(How We Pay For All of This)</i>		<b>\$69.9</b>
	Federal Assistance	--
	State Assistance	<b>14.2</b> (20%)
	Fees/Charges for Services*	<b>34.0</b> (49%)
	Other Resources**	<b>2.0</b> (3%)
<b>Net County Cost</b> <i>remaining balance, covered by locally generated revenues</i>		<b>19.7</b> (28%)

\* Some State and Federally funded services are reflected as "Fees/Charges for Services" through reimbursement mechanisms (e.g., Medi-Cal billing)

\*\* "Other Resources" includes miscellaneous revenues not otherwise classified, including fines, settlements, interest earnings, and interdepartmental billing

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## BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY PROGRAM AREA

What These Investments Deliver For Residents

General Program Category	% of Dept Budget
Agriculture	45%
Permitting, Licensing, Regulatory Compliance ( <i>Weights &amp; Measures</i> )	20%
Public Safety and Emergency Response	15%
Administration	20%

Program categories shown here are presentation-level groupings created to consolidate information from the new LA County Enterprise System (LACES) for this briefing. Note that as part of the County's initial rollout of data-driven budgeting through LACES, categories and outcome measures will continue to evolve based on practical use and data insights as departments operationalize the system in FY 2026-27.

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## DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES, METRICS & OUTCOMES

### Program Priorities

- **Implementing EV chargers Inspection Program countywide**
- **Keep invasive, exotic species out of LA County**
- **Reduce wildfire risk near homes through weed hazard/integrated pest management**

### Progress/Metrics

- Program launch pending
- ~60K charging ports requiring inspection
- Intercepted 333 pests (FY 2024-25)
- Ensured clearance of 26K parcels
- Cleared 2,800 not cleared by residents

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## BUDGET REQUEST (FY2026-2027)

<b>Total New Appropriation Request*</b>	<b>\$0.9M</b>
Additional positions requested	5.0
Additional NCC requested	\$0.0M

<b>Key Budget Requests</b>	<b>Amount (\$Millions)</b>	<b>One-Time/ Ongoing?</b>	<b>Positions</b>
New EV Chargers Inspection Program - Support Staff	\$0.3	Ongoing	2.0
High/Low Risk Pest Exclusion Programs	\$0.2	Ongoing	2.0
Weed Hazard/Integrated Pest Management Program	\$0.1	Ongoing	1.0

\* Priority budget and unmet needs requests

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## CHALLENGES & MITIGATION STRATEGIES

### Challenges

Uncertain State and Federal funding support

### Response

- **Closely engage with State partners**
  - Department of Food & Agriculture
  - Division of Measurement Standards
  - Department of Pesticide Regulation
- **Maximize funding from USDA, Farm Bill, etc., for mutual benefit**
- **Continue digitization of operational data capture & management**

Operational inefficiencies