

# 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)

### Total Appropriation

*(What We Budgeted to Spend in FY 2025-26)*

**\$69.9**



Salaries & Employee Benefits (443 positions)

**59.4** (85%)



Services & Supplies

**9.9** (14%)



Other (Cap Assets/Equip, Other Charges)

**0.6** (1%)

### Sources of Funding

*(How We Pay For All of This)*

**\$69.9**



Federal Assistance

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State Assistance

**14.2** (20%)



Fees/Charges for Services\*

**34.0** (49%)



Other Resources\*\*

**2.0** (3%)



Net County Cost

*remaining balance, covered by locally generated revenues*

**19.7** (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.



## DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES, METRICS & OUTCOMES

### Program Priorities

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- **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

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- 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



## CHALLENGES & MITIGATION STRATEGIES

### Challenges

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**Uncertain State and Federal funding support**

### Response

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- **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**

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**Operational inefficiencies**

- **Continue digitization of operational data capture & management**