



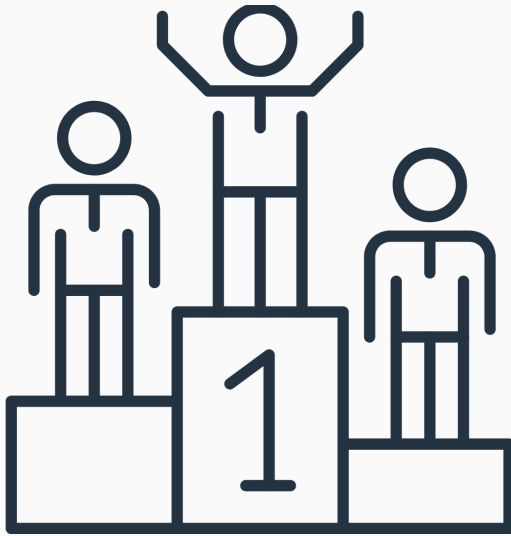
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding Opportunities

Community Services Cluster Meeting

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL)

- \$1 trillion over 5 years (through FY 2026)
- Funding for transportation, water, power and energy, environmental remediation, public lands, broadband and resilience
- \$550 billion included for new investments
- At least 40 percent of benefits from investments in climate and clean energy to disadvantaged communities

BIL FUNDING STREAMS



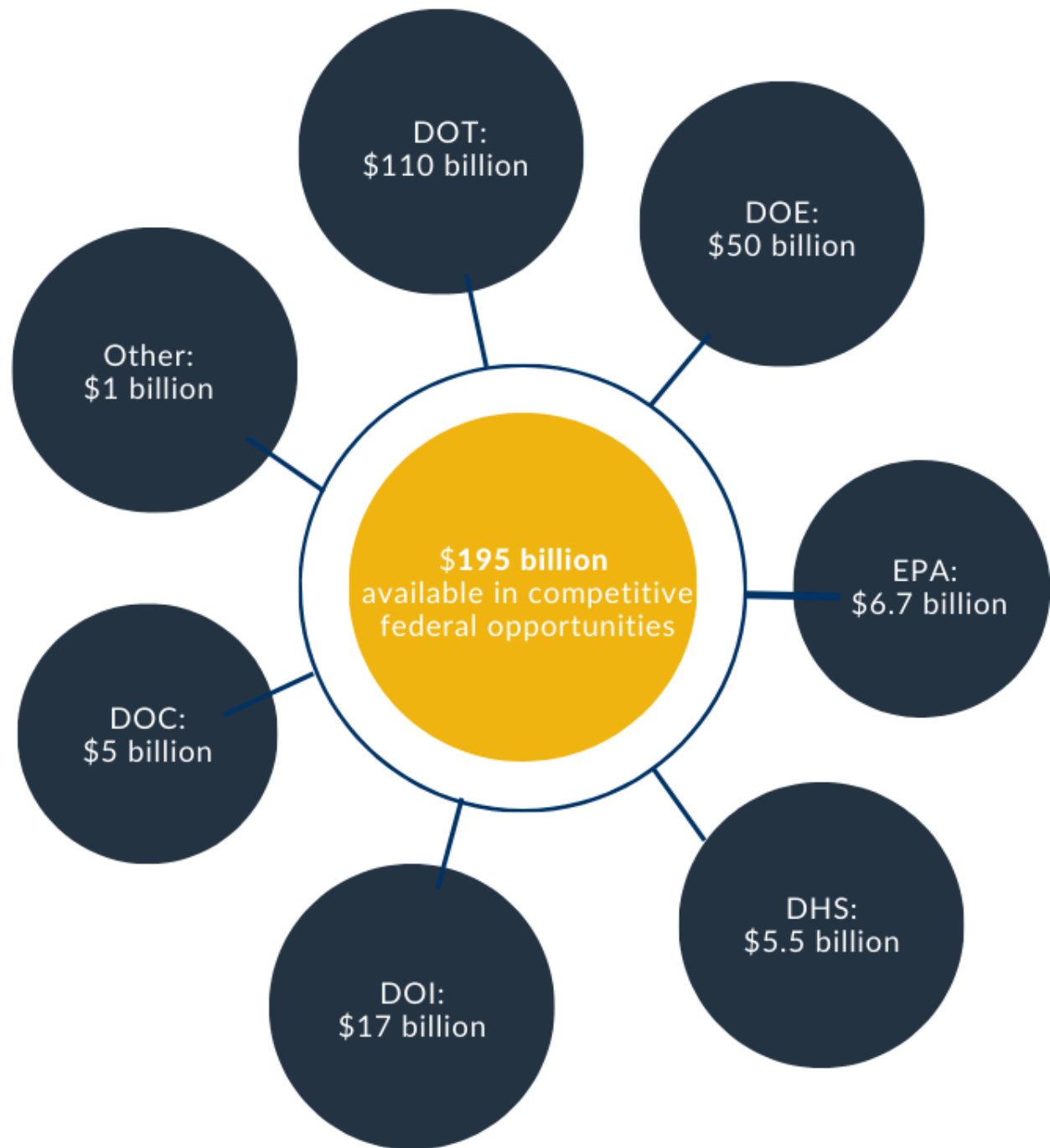
Competitive Grant Programs



Formula Programs

Competitive Funding Opportunities

- Funding allocated to 375 unique programs at over a dozen federal agencies
- 90% of investments will be delivered by non-federal partners



FORMULA FUNDING

GUARANTEED FUNDING FOR CALIFORNIA



\$41
billion

Transportation

\$3
billion

Broadband

\$3.5
billion

Water

\$500
million

Climate, Energy, and Other

ADMINISTRATION IS FOCUSED ON IMPLEMENTATION



Mitch Landrieu
Senior Advisor
Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION

- Work with stakeholders to prepare priority project lists now.
 - This includes clearly defining funding gaps and/or how funding would be used.
- Talk to state agencies.
- Engage with federal agencies.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Congress expects to begin its FY 23 appropriations process in March of this year.
 - Member-designated projects, also known as earmarks, are expected to return.
- The State Legislature is working on the FY 23 budget through May.
 - Member selected projects are expected again.

HOW DO WE SEIZE THE MOMENT?



Regional
Impact

Collaborative
Planning Efforts

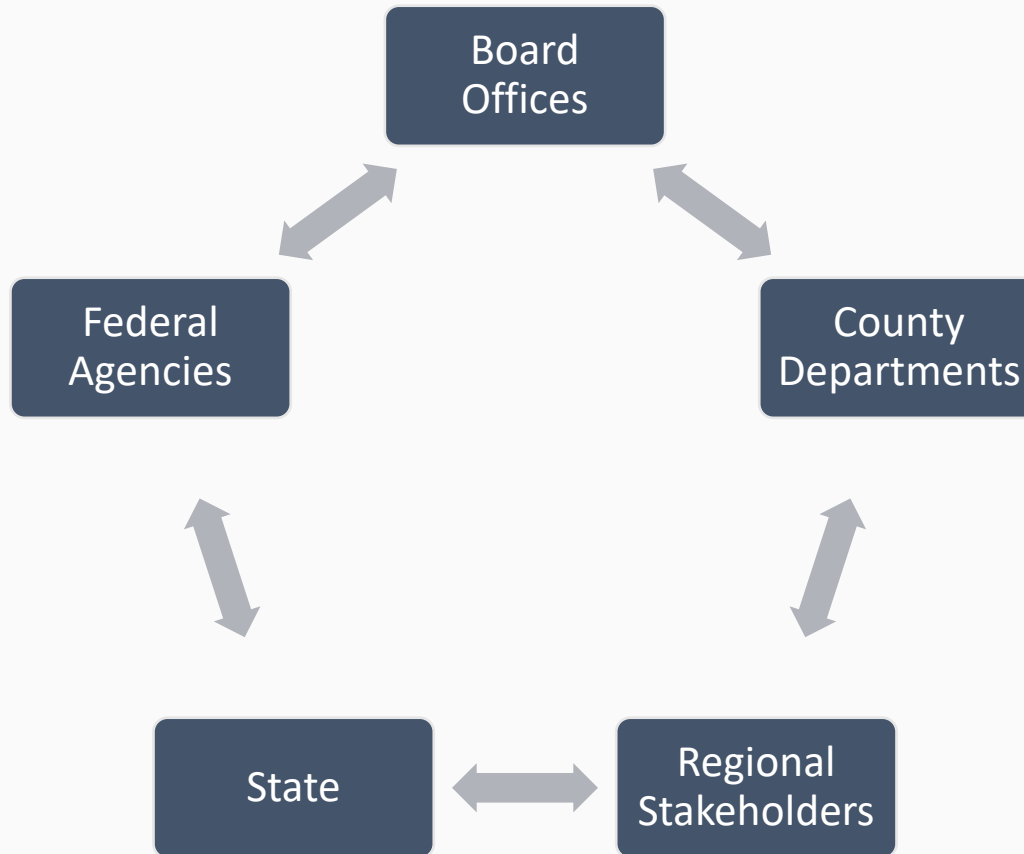


Equity

Resiliency



COORDINATION IS KEY



PUBLIC WORKS IS READY

- Meeting with other County Departments to identify County's infrastructure priorities
- Tracking all funding opportunities and deadlines, and requirements in preparation for applications
- Educating State Agencies about County priorities.

THANK YOU

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Los Angeles County

Department of Agricultural Commissioner/ Weights & Measures.

- Overview -

Community Services Cluster Meeting 02-09-22



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Agricultural Commissioner/
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ACWM:
***“BIGGEST ‘LITTLE’ DEPARTMENT
IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY”***

5 Bureaus:

- **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**
- **PEST EXCLUSION / PRODUCE QUALITY**
- **WEED HAZARD / INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT**
- **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

**Providing services under >30 distinct programs;
Touching every life, every day.....Mostly unnoticed.....**

Weights and Measures Bureau

- **Ensures Consumers Receive Full Quantity** (weight, volume, dimension or count) of commodities for which they pay
- **Ensures Shoppers Receive Lowest Price** (advertised, posted, quoted) for any item in store
- **Checks Packages** for labeling/quantity accuracy
- **Conducts Inspections** (routine & investigative)
- **Protects Integrity** of the marketplace
- **Facilitates Fair Trade** of bulk commodities (Weighmaster regulation, truck scales, etc.)





**Far beyond
grocery stores &
gas stations.....**







ATTENTION CONSUMERS



**You are entitled to the lowest advertised or posted price
offered by this store.**

For information or complaints, you may contact the
**County of Los Angeles
Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights & Measures**

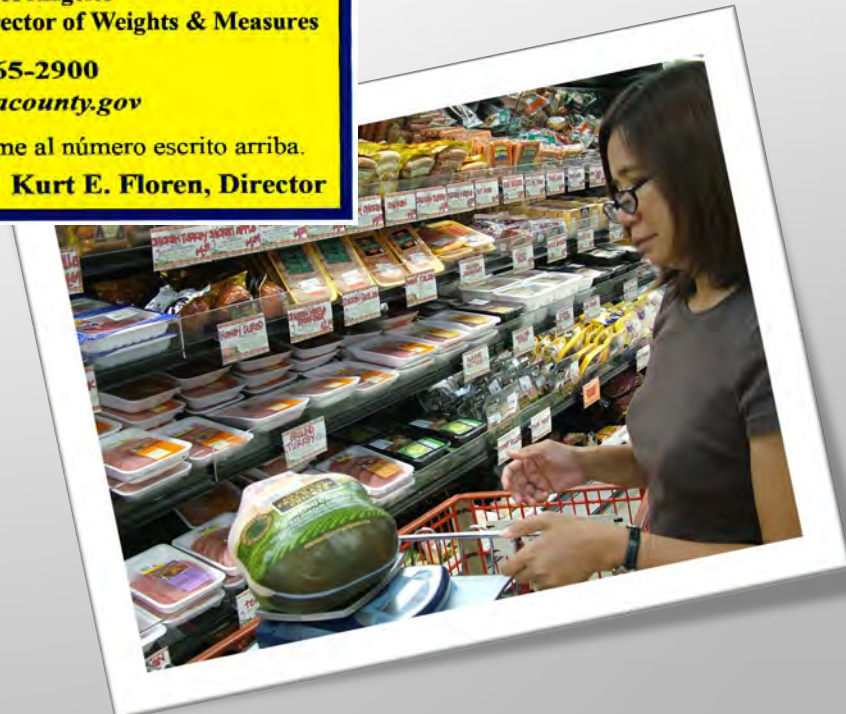


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Para reportar sobrecargos, llame al número escrito arriba.

Kurt E. Floren, Director



Pest Exclusion/Produce Quality Bureau

Prevents Entry & Distribution of Exotic Insect & Plant Pests
through regular inspections at airports, express carriers,
post offices, nurseries, & truck deliveries

Nursery and Seed Inspections
monitor cleanliness of wholesale plant material

Phytosanitary Certification
provides documentation for agricultural goods entering into
interstate & international trade to assure trading partners,
governmental entities of compliance with entry requirements

**PLUS: Fruit & Vegetable Standardization, Egg Quality,
Organic Regulation, Certified Farmers' Markets,
& more.....**

Quarantine Inspections

- *Ports of LA & Long Beach*
- *Postal Centers*
- *Parcel Facilities*
- *Air Freight Forwarders*
- *Truck Shipments*

Inspection of ginger
@ wholesale spice
warehouse (example)



Port of Entry
Quarantine
Inspection - LAX



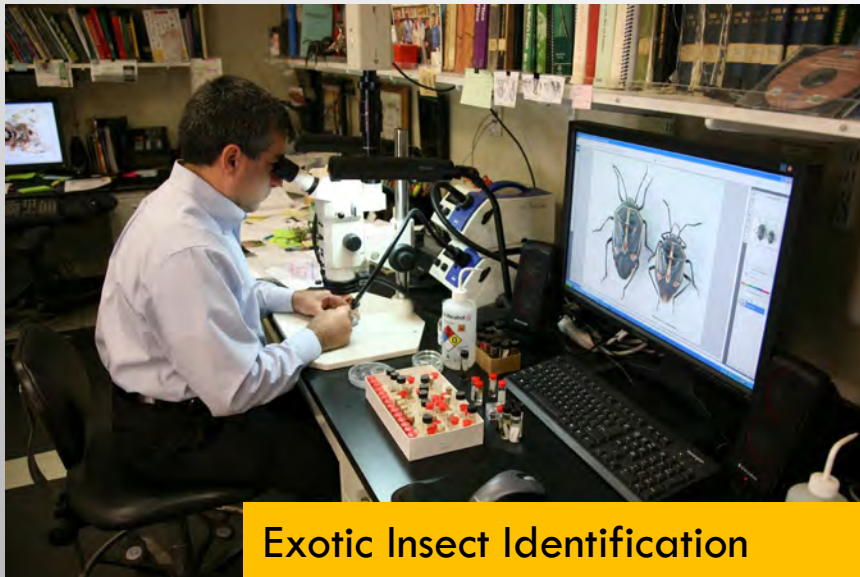
Detector Dog Program

Entomology / Plant Pathology Labs

Examine and identify thousands of insect and plant specimens submitted annually by quarantine inspectors, the public, & pest control operators.



GWSS Surveillance –
Pierce's Disease

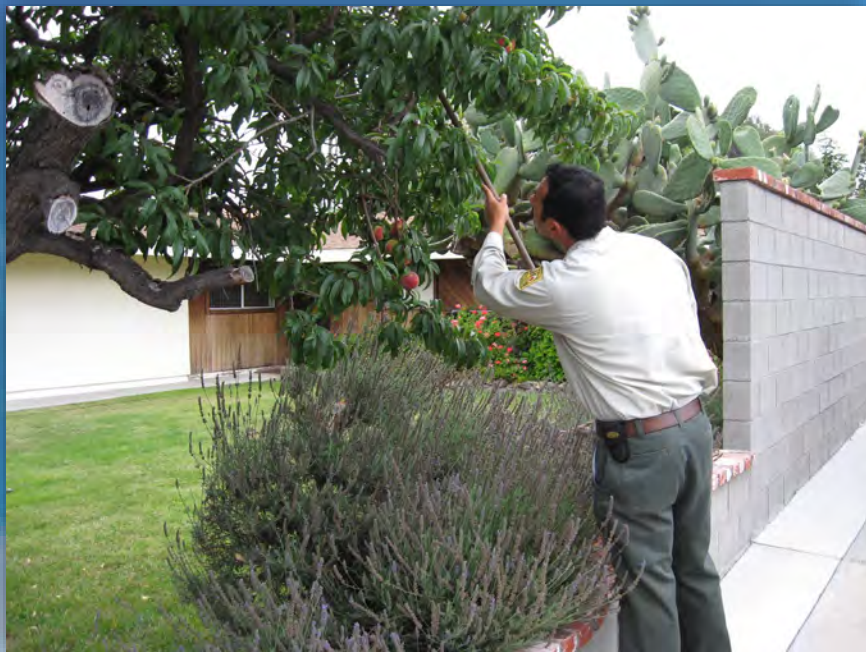


Exotic Insect Identification



Plant Pathogen Diagnoses

Environmental Protection Bureau



Exotic Pest Detection

Pesticide Use Enforcement

**+ Apiary (*Beekeeper*) Regulation
& AHB/Aggressive Bee Response**





Pest Detection Division

Places/Services ~30K traps to detect exotic insect pests posing threats to California's agricultural/horticultural crops & backyard fruits/vegetables

When infestation is detected, assist State & federal partners to promptly/effectively eradicate

- Largest Detection Program in California
- Lead state each year in detections
- Primary protection against introductions



Pesticide Use Enforcement Divisions

Enforce laws & regulations to protect workers, the environment & the public from improper or unsafe use of pesticides

Conduct Inspections in field & at pesticide applicator's headquarters

Licensed pest control operators, farmers, nursery operators, school maintenance staff , etc.

Inspect/Monitor Termite Fumigations & General Pesticide Applications

Respond To/Investigate all Pesticide- & Antimicrobial-related Illnesses and complaints

Train Pesticide Handlers and Fieldworkers (Spanish and English)

Compile / Publish Annual Crop and Livestock Statistics

ACWM is responsible for all local PUE

(Not just ag use; Public swimming pools, parks, golf courses & cemeteries, rights-of-way, structural pest control, schools/hospitals/restaurants, etc.)

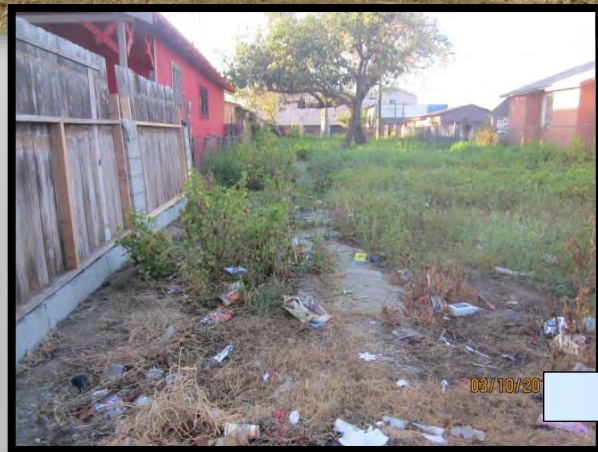
Weed Hazard/ Integrated Pest Management Bureau

Weed/Brush Hazard Abatement:

Enforces laws & ordinances requiring:

- Removal of weeds, brush, and debris
- Vacant properties in unincorporated areas
- Also contracts w/Cities, Government agencies

Protects health, safety & property of citizens and improves environmental quality by eliminating hazardous and invasive weeds, fire hazards, and illegally dumped rubbish.



Monitor >25K properties;
typically clear 2,500-3,000
parcels to remove
dangerous hazards &
prevent wildfires



Integrated Pest Management Division

Provides Pest Control Services to reduce the spread of disease vectors & certain animal, weed, insect & disease pests detrimental to agriculture, landscaping, and the environment

Pest Control Work is done through methods that are **efficient, biologically sound, & environmentally responsible**

IPM Guidance & Consultation provided to County departments, municipalities, school districts, & others



Integrated Pest Management

Identify & Inventory

extent of infestation



Plan approach to control

Manage

by integrating
mechanical,
cultural and
chemical methods



Use of control
methods effective
with the biology
of that species



Management of Invasive and Native
Plant and Vertebrate Species

Goal = Use of Least Toxic Methodologies

Los Angeles County

Department of Agricultural Commissioner/ Weights & Measures

**“The Biggest Little Department in the County”
Touching Every Life, Every Day, In Some Way**



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County of Los Angeles

Department of

Agricultural Commissioner / Weights and Measures



Departmental Overview

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The Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM) provides environmental and consumer protection through enforcement of federal, State and County laws, regulations, and ordinances regarding health, safety and consumer affairs.

Services include ensuring a safe supply of food and water, protecting consumers and businesses from fraud, preventing misuse of pesticides, overseeing pest management activities, and preventing exotic pest infestations.

ACWM works to minimize weed and brush fire hazards, provides consumer and agricultural information, develops an annual agricultural production statistical report, maintains and monitors over 26,000 exotic insect pest detection traps, and regulates agricultural businesses handling hazardous materials.

Key Programs

Environmental Protection Bureau

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- Structural Pesticide Use Enforcement
- Agricultural Pesticide Use Enforcement
- Exotic Pest Detection
- Apiary (Bee)

Structural Pesticide Use Enforcement Program: Protects the public and pest control workers from health and safety risks from improper and unsafe use of pesticides. L.A. County leads the U.S. in structural fumigations (termite control), with > 30,000 fumigations annually.

Agricultural Pesticide Use Enforcement Program: Provides protection to growers, applicators, and residents, particularly as urban growth encroaches upon agricultural production lands. Most commercial agricultural production in the county occurs in the Antelope Valley, with approximately 25,000 acres producing key crops of carrots, onions, potatoes, and alfalfa.

ACWM provides **Pesticide Training** to agricultural workers and Pest Control Operators.

Exotic Pest Detection Program: Weekly or biweekly monitors over 26,000 pest detection traps countywide to promptly detect presence of introduced exotic pests, such as Mediterranean Fruit Fly, Oriental Fruit Fly, Mexican Fruit Fly, Gypsy Moth, and Japanese Beetle, posing threats to California's > \$50 Billion agricultural industry, home gardening, ornamental landscaping, and native forests and plants.

Apiary Program: Registers and monitors compliance by commercial beekeepers and addresses threats posed by Africanized Honeybees.

Pest Exclusion/Produce Quality Bureau

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- Quarantine Enforcement
- Nursery Inspection
- Phytosanitary Certification
- Seed Inspection
- Fruit & Vegetable Standardization
- High Risk Pest Exclusion
- Organic Growing/Registration/Regulation
- Egg Quality Inspection
- Entomology Laboratory
- Plant Pathology Laboratory
- Direct Marketing Enforcement (Certified Farmers' Markets)
- Glassy-winged Sharpshooter/Pierce's Disease Program

Los Angeles County, with the nation's largest seaport complex, a major cargo airport in LAX, the largest wholesale produce market in the western U.S., and huge volumes of truck freight, is the gateway to the state and nation for introduced agricultural pests from around the world. ACWM has a critical task of preventing such introductions through the **Pest Exclusion Program**, inspecting hundreds of thousands of shipments to intercept stowaway insects and diseases.

Phytosanitary Certification, issued following inspections of outgoing shipments as free-from specified pests and diseases, assures trading partners that produce & plant shipments from Los Angeles County do not carry pests against which other states and countries have quarantines.

L.A. County is home to nearly 150 **Certified Farmers' Markets (CFMs)**. ACWM certifies CFMs and producers and conducts regulatory inspections of producers and markets to ensure that all produce and plant material sold at CFMs is grown by the sellers themselves within California.

Entomology & Plant Pathology Laboratories provide insect and plant disease identification services to the public and to the agricultural and horticultural industries.

Weed Hazard/Pest Management Bureau

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- Weed Hazard Abatement
- Pest Management
- Integrated Pest Management

Weed Hazard Abatement Program: Protects the health, safety, and property of residents and improves environmental quality through mitigation of hazardous weeds, brush, and rubbish on unimproved properties. Annually, over 29,000 properties are inspected and monitored for clearance and maintenance. ACWM performs direct weed abatement work upon an average of 3,500 properties each year, greatly contributing to wildfire suppression.

Pest Management Division controls and reduces the spread of destructive, invasive animals, weeds, insects, & diseases detrimental to agriculture, landscaping, or the environment through efficient, biologically sound, & environmentally responsible methods. ACWM provides services to DPW Road & Flood Divisions, County Parks & Recreation, CalTrans, Metropolitan Water District, County Health, and contract cities, including vertebrate pest control, suppression of bold urban coyotes, invasive weed eradication, and plague suppression.

Integrated Pest Management provides advisory services regarding environmentally-sound pest control through integration of mechanical, cultural, & low-toxicity chemical controls.

Weights and Measures Bureau

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Divisions: • **Price Verification** • **Business Practices/Investigations** • **Meters** • **Scales**

- Weighing/Measuring Device Inspection
- Packaged Commodity Inspection
- Package Labeling Enforcement
- Test Purchases / Test Sales (Undercover)
- Price Verification (Scanner)
- Weighmaster Enforcement
- Petroleum Products Enforcement
- Metrology Laboratory

ACWM operates the largest, most active Weights & Measures regulatory program in the nation. **Device Inspection Program** regulates commercial use of over 320,000 weighing & measuring devices, including >58,000 gas pumps at ~1900 stations, ~4,000 taximeters, ~195,000 utility submeters (water, gas, electric @ mobilehome parks, marinas, etc.), & >31,000 scales.

Packaged Commodity Inspections verify quantities of contents and labeling compliance.

Test Purchases (retail) and **Test Sales** (at recycling centers) involve inspectors posing as customers in undercover transactions to monitor accurate weighing practices and detect price and payment computing fraud under normal business conditions.

Scanner Price Verification Program is the largest in the nation, with 17 full-time inspectors conducting unannounced inspections to monitor price accuracy at retail checkstands.

Weighmaster Program audits weighmasters, who issue certified weight tickets, for use of legal tickets, maintenance of records, and weighmaster licensing compliance.

Petroleum Products Enforcement regulates compliance by gas station operators with laws and regulations regarding price and grade advertising, dispenser labeling, and fuel quality.

ACWM is responsible for enforcement of provisions of:

- Food and Agricultural Code of California
- Business and Professions Code of California (Division 5)
- California Code of Regulations (Titles 3, 4, 9, 10)
(CCR adopts National Institute of Standards & Technology Handbooks 44, 130, & 133)

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- Director of CDFA Division of Measurement Standards, State of California
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