

# Item 34

# Agriculture

## Secretary of State—Continued

number to be printed, based on population estimates and other factors. The estimate above was made by the Secretary of State and adjusted by the Department of Finance. The methods used and conclusions reached appear reasonable.

*We recommend approval of this item as budgeted.*

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

ITEM 34 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 38

## FOR SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FROM THE GENERAL FUND

Amount requested .....	\$8,509,596
Estimated to be expended in 1959-60 fiscal year .....	8,146,208
Increase (4.5 percent) .....	\$363,388
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION .....</b>	<b>\$16,296</b>

## Summary of Recommended Reductions

	Amount	Budget	
		Page	Line
Chief of division .....	\$12,000	39	24
Senior stenographer-clerk .....	4,296	39	25

This item provides for those services of the Department of Agriculture aimed at protecting the general welfare of the agricultural industry and the public at large and which are supported from the General Fund. Those activities of the department aimed at benefiting particular segments of the agricultural industry are supported from a special fund called the Department of Agriculture Fund. The table below illustrates the 1959-60 estimate of expenditures by function. The table also shows the amount estimated for expenditure from the General Fund and the amount from the Department of Agriculture Fund for each function together with the percentage each fund bears of the total expended in each category.

## Department of Agriculture Expenditures by Type of Service

	General Fund	Dept. of Agric. Fund	Total	Percent General Fund	Percent Dept. of Agric. Fund
I. Administration .....	\$342,739	\$192,824	\$535,563	64.00	36.00
II. Prevention of introduction and spread of crop and livestock pests and disease .....	4,902,317	158,384	5,060,701	96.87	3.13
III. Protection to the public and maintenance of quality standards					
A. Administration of laws and regulations requiring compliance with standards of composition, grade, quality, sanitary condition, labeling, packing, etc. ....	1,952,785	958,415	2,911,200	67.08	32.92

## Department of Agriculture—Continued

## Department of Agriculture Expenditures by Type of Service—Continued

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Dept. of Agric. Fund</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent General Fund</i>	<i>Percent Dept. of Agric. Fund</i>
B. Regulation of use and application of injurious agriculture chemicals, and regulation of commercial pest control operators ----	\$61,588	\$26,523	\$88,111	69.90	30.10
C. Prevention of theft of livestock -----		758,229	758,229		100.00
D. Administration of weights and measures laws -----	94,462	81,613	176,075	53.65	46.35
Total, Protection to the Public and Maintenance of Quality Standards -----	\$2,108,835	\$1,824,780	\$3,933,615	53.61	46.39
IV. Assistance to producers and handlers in marketing of agricultural products -----	792,317	4,392,125	5,184,442	15.28	84.72
	<u>\$8,146,208</u>	<u>\$6,568,113</u>	<u>\$14,714,321</u>	<u>55.36</u>	<u>44.64</u>

NOTE: \$72,500 Federal Co-operative Marketing Research in Category IV paid from Fair and Exposition Fund not included in above totals.

## ANALYSIS

The Department of Agriculture, for its General Fund functions, is requesting \$8,509,596 for the budget year while it is estimated that \$8,146,208 will be expended during the current fiscal year. This is an increase of \$363,388 or 4.5 percent. For the most part, we agree with the justification for the additional positions requested based upon acceptable workload factors. However, we do take exception to two proposed positions as follows:

Chief of Division of Administration-----	\$12,000
One senior stenographer-clerk-----	4,296
Total -----	<u>\$16,296</u>

The position of chief of the division of administration is being requested on the basis of having a supervisor for the departmental administration activity and the senior stenographer-clerk is being requested to serve as secretary to the division chief. The 1956 Session of the Legislature provided for a position of assistant chief of the Division of Plant Industry to allow the then division chief to devote more of his time to matters of legislative representation. The establishment of this position by the Legislature was contingent upon a management study to be conducted by the Department of Finance following the 1956 Legislative Session. This study was completed and in lieu of the position of assistant chief of the Division of Plant Industry, an assistant director position was created in departmental administration which was to handle matters of legislative representation. In addition, it was intended to organize a division of departmental administration which would

## Department of Agriculture—Continued

fall under the supervision of this assistant director position. Prior to 1957 the top administrators of the Department of Agriculture consisted of the following: A director, a deputy director, one assistant director and three division chiefs of the operating divisions which were comparable to other state departments of similar size.

In 1957 one additional assistant director was added as mentioned above. In 1960 an additional deputy director was authorized. It would therefore appear that the position of division chief could not be justified in view of the fact that two top administrative positions have been added to the director's office in the last three years and the fact that it was the department's proposal originally to supervise a division of administration with the assistant director position provided in 1957. Consequently, *we recommend the proposed positions of chief of the division and the senior stenographer-clerk be disallowed at a savings of \$16,296.*

With the exception of the above reduction we recommend approval of the department's budget request as submitted.

## Department of Agriculture

## FEDERAL CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING RESEARCH

ITEM 35 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 54

FOR SUPPORT OF FEDERAL, CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING  
RESEARCH FROM THE GENERAL FUND

Amount requested .....	\$75,000
Estimated to be expended in 1959-60 fiscal year.....	72,500
Increase (3.4 percent) .....	\$2,500

TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION .....	None
-----------------------------------	------

## ANALYSIS

Approximately the same level of service is proposed for the 1960-61 fiscal year as was available in the 1959-60 fiscal year. It will be noted that there is a \$2,500 increase proposed as it is anticipated that federal funds will be increased a similar amount. This activity has been supported 50 percent by the State and 50 percent by the federal government since its inception in 1947. Approximately \$716,000 of state funds have been expended in support of this function over this period of time. Various segments of the industry contribute approximately \$40,000 a year, which is matched by federal money.

*We recommend approval of the item as requested.*

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

ITEM 36 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 38

FOR SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FUND

Amount requested .....	\$6,909,679
Estimated to be expended in 1959-60 fiscal year.....	6,568,113
Increase (5.2 percent) .....	\$341,566

TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION .....	None
-----------------------------------	------

## Department of Agriculture—Continued

## ANALYSIS

The amount requested for this portion of the Department of Agriculture's budget is paid for out of a special fund comprised of revenues from fees levied to support various agricultural regulatory programs. The \$6,909,679 requested is \$341,566, or 5.2 percent, greater than the \$6,568,113 estimated for expenditure in the current fiscal year. This increase is made up primarily of merit salary adjustments and normal cost increases in other categories. However, one new service proposed for the budget year at a cost of \$173,726, and involving 39.4 positions of temporary help in the Bureau of Fruit and Vegetable Standardization, is requested for the purpose of inspecting grapes used for crushing in California wineries. This is in compliance with the Federal Pure Food and Drug Administration's requirement that wineries have grapes inspected prior to their being crushed. The industry pays the cost through a special tax on the grapes to be crushed.

We find the request in line with the current cost factors and feel that justification exists for the increases requested. *Consequently, we recommend approval as submitted.*

**Department of Agriculture  
POULTRY IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION**

ITEM 37 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 57

**FOR SUPPORT OF POULTRY IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION FROM THE  
POULTRY TESTING PROJECT FUND**

Amount requested .....	\$169,804
Estimated to be expended in 1959-60 fiscal year .....	164,340
 Increase (3.3 percent) .....	 \$5,464
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION .....</b>	<b>\$663</b>

Summary of Reductions		Budget	
		Amount	Page Line
Addressograph .....	\$663	57	53

## ANALYSIS

The 1960-61 Budget requested by the Poultry Improvement Commission is \$169,804 which is \$5,464, or 3.3 percent, greater than the amount estimated for expenditure in the current fiscal year. The budget is presented as a workload budget which we feel for the most part is true, however, there is an item of equipment for which we question the justification. This is an addressograph at a cost of \$663 to replace an existing manually operated machine. While the addressograph now in service is not of the most modern type, it is our opinion, based upon inspection of the equipment, that it is quite serviceable and can continue to serve for many years, doing an adequate job in addressing the comparatively small number of commission reports. Consequently, we recommend the amount requested by the Poultry Improvement Commission be reduced by \$663.

*With the exception of the reduction above, we recommend approval of the Poultry Commission's budget as submitted.*

**General Analysis****Corrections****Department of Agriculture  
POULTRY IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION**

ITEM 38 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 57

**FOR AUGMENTATION OF POULTRY TESTING PROJECT FUND  
FROM THE GENERAL FUND**

Amount requested -----	\$124,241
Augmentation from Fair and Exposition Fund in 1959-60 fiscal year --	103,025
Increase (20.6 percent) -----	\$21,216
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION-----</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

**Summary of Reductions**

	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Budget Page</i>	<i>Line</i>
Transfers from General Fund -----	\$10,000	58	9

**ANALYSIS**

This item serves as an augmentation to the Poultry Testing Project Fund which has historically failed to provide sufficient revenue to finance the operations of the Poultry Improvement Commission. Prior to the budget year this augmentation was provided from the Fair and Exposition Fund. It is now proposed to provide the additional funds from the General Fund. While a slight increase will be noted in the revenue estimated for the budget year, the revenue still will provide only approximately one-third of the funds necessary to operate the commission's activities.

It will be noted on page 58 of the Governor's Budget, line 21, that the accumulated surplus estimated for June 30, 1961, as being \$15,000 compared with \$6,468 estimated for June 30, 1960. We fail to see any necessity of appropriating from the General Fund to the Poultry Project Testing Fund an amount of money which will cause this surplus to exist at the end of the budget year. *Consequently, we recommend that \$10,000 be cut from the requested appropriation and that the amount be reduced to \$114,241.*

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS****GENERAL ANALYSIS**

The total expenditures for this department for 1960-61 are estimated in the Governor's Budget at \$40,435,294. This represents an increase of \$4,035,907, or 11.1 percent, over the \$36,399,387 now estimated in the 1960-61 Governor's Budget, will be spent in 1959-60. Included in the total expenditures is an amount totaling \$485,000 which is to cover such items as transportation of prisoners by local counties to the Department of Corrections, returning fugitives from justice from outside the State, and expenses caused by court trials of inmates.

The support budget of this department, exclusive of the charges mentioned in the preceding paragraph, totals \$39,950,294 for 1960-61. This represents an increase of \$3,990,807, or 11.1 percent, over the estimated expenditures of \$35,959,487 for 1959-60 as reflected in the 1960-61 Governor's Budget.