

**COUNTY OF MADERA
BUDGET UNIT EXPENDITURE DETAIL
BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-18**

Department: **PREDATORY ANIMAL
CONTROL (06200)**
Function: **Public Protection**
Activity: **Other Protection**
Fund: **General**

<u>ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2015-16</u>	<u>BOARD APPROVED EXPENDITURES 2016-17</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT REQUEST 2017-18</u>	<u>CAO RECOMMENDED 2017-18</u>
SERVICES & SUPPLIES				
721400 Professional & Specialized Services	73,341	76,149	77,672	77,672
TOTAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES	73,341	76,149	77,672	77,672
TOTAL - PREDATORY ANIMAL CONTROL	73,341	76,149	77,672	77,672

PREDATORY ANIMAL CONTROL

COMMENTS

This budget funds the costs to control predatory and nuisance animals by providing animal damage management on properties within the County of Madera. The Program is performed under contract by the Animal Damage Control Section of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and funds the salary, supplies, and mileage of Trapper services for the County. The funding provides Trapper services for the County for control of predators that include bears, mountain lions, coyotes and feral pigs, as well as nuisance animals.

Since 2007-08, the Board of Supervisors had directed that funding be appropriated to provide full-time Trapper services. In 2013-14, USDA revised their method of determining the cost of the Trapper services from a flat amount to cost of services charges. The requested 2013-14 funding by State Wildlife Services was in the amount of \$73,909 for full-time Trapper services, an increase of \$17,263 from 2012-13. The Board of Supervisors approved the previous year's rate for 2013-14, with the request to USDA of a furlough provision to make up the difference between the requested and approved amounts. USDA was able to accommodate the furlough provision request for 2013-14. There was no County predatory or nuisance animal damage control provided for the three month furlough period. Starting in 2014-15, the Board of Supervisors again appropriated funding for full-time Trapper services. The requested amount for 2017-18 is \$77,672, an increase of \$1,523 over the 2016-17 approved amount due to a USDA 2% overhead increase.

WORKLOAD

	<u>7/1/14 – 6/30/15</u>	<u>7/1/15 – 6/30/16</u>
ACRES WORKED	4,502	151,662*
PROPERTIES WORKED	497	647
SPECIALIST HOURS	1,216	1,746
DAMAGE REPORTED	\$154,331	\$300,891
ANIMALS REMOVED	224	187
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS	25	41
DISEASE SAMPLES TAKEN	40	0

Note: *Reflects a change in methodology by the USDA in reporting acres worked in Fiscal Year 2015-16

SERVICES & SUPPLIES

721400 **Professional and Specialized Services** (\$77,672) is recommended increased \$1,523 for contractual annual predatory animal trapping services provided by the Animal Damage Control Section of the United States Department of Agriculture. The increase is a result of a 2% USDA overhead increase.