

**COUNTY OF MADERA  
BUDGET UNIT EXPENDITURE DETAIL  
BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-15**

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

<u>ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2012-13</u>	<u>BOARD APPROVED EXPENDITURES 2013-14</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT REQUEST 2014-15</u>	<u>CAO RECOMMENDED 2014-15</u>
SERVICES & SUPPLIES				
721400 Professional & Specialized Services	56,646	56,646	57,213	57,213
<b>TOTAL SERVICES &amp; SUPPLIES</b>	<b>56,646</b>	<b>56,646</b>	<b>57,213</b>	<b>57,213</b>
<b>TOTAL - PREDATORY ANIMAL CONTROL</b>	<b>56,646</b>	<b>56,646</b>	<b>57,213</b>	<b>57,213</b>

## PREDATORY ANIMAL CONTROL

### COMMENTS

This budget funds the costs to control predatory animals by providing animal damage management on properties within Madera County. 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.

In 2002-03, the State reduced their share of cost for the program Statewide. The reduction in State participation affected the number of service hours available to the County. From 2003-04 through 2006-07, due to funding considerations, the Board of Supervisors funded the program based on six months of service. 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. The Board of Supervisors approved the previous rate of \$56,646 for 2013-14, with the provision of furloughs to make up the difference between the requested and approved amounts. For 2014-15, USDA submitted a proposed contract for 1,600 hours or approximately nine months for a total cost of \$57,213 which is recommended in this budget. The annual cost for Trapper Services is \$74,641, which would result in an increase of \$17,995 over the recommended level. Any increase in funding is a Board policy decision and can be determined at final budget hearings. The amount of hours provided for trapper services will be based on the approved level of funding.

### WORKLOAD

	<u>7/1/11 – 6/30/12</u>	<u>7/1/12 – 6/30/13</u>
ACRES WORKED	15,507	4,512
PROPERTIES WORKED	640	732
SPECIALIST HOURS	1,801	1,688
SPECIALIST IN COUNTY	3	2
DAMAGE REPORTED	\$376,030	\$95,771
ANIMALS REMOVED	208	198
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS	68	36

### SERVICES & SUPPLIES

**721400**      Professional and Specialized Services (\$57,213) are recommended increased \$567 for contractual predatory animal trapping services provided by the Animal Damage Control Section of the United States Department of Agriculture.